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maintian control of Hebron to protect the 400 Jews living in the town many 110,000 Palestinians. The PLO wants the town free of all Israeli forces before elections in a self-rule council.

The PLO also wants most Palestinian prisoners held by israel freed before the start of talks, scheduled for May 1996, on the final status of the territories.

#### Helicopter crash kills six

BUCHAREST (AFP) — A helicopter on an official mission in northern Romania crashed Friday, killing six people including two generals attached to the interior ministry, a ministry spokesman said. The two generals are Ion Eugen Sandu, secretary of state at the interior ministry, Ion Bunosica, commander of Romania's gendarmes. Colonel Mihai Alexe, a senior official in charge of the gendarmes, also died in the accident. The other three dead were the helicopter team. Interior Minister Doru Ioan Taracila, who is heading an inquiry into the accident, went to the crash site Friday.

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Iraqi exiles say bomb killed seven

NICOSIA (R) — An Iraqi opposition group has reported that a /bomb at an oil refinery in Iraq killed seven people and unleashed a fire that raged for 48 hours. The Iraqi Broadcasting Corporation, the information wing of umbrella group the Iraqi National Congress, said in a statement received on Friday a bomb went off at the refinery in the northern town of Baiji on Aug. 24. The bomb, planted in the pick-up truck of an engineer, set off a fire at the gas production unit of the refinery which blazed for 48 hours. The statement said seven people were killed, including one of the refinery's engineers who was a member of the Baath Party, Rafiq Hizbi Maarouf. Six vehicles were destroyed, including two Jordanian gas tankers. There was no independent confirmation. The statement said the report came from a correspondent in the town, 190 kilometres north of Baghdad and near President Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit. The statement said all work at the refinery had stopped since the blast and Iraqi intelligence were interrogating the head of the refinery and

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# NATO, U.N. suspend attacks on Serbs in a bid to push peace plan

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the United Nations called a temporary halt to their threeday aerial assault on Bosnian Serb military targets Friday to coax the battered Serbs to

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the peace table.

Major Panagiotis Theodorakidis, a NATO spokesman in Naples, confirmed that the military alliance had "temporarify ceased conducting airstrikes while we and the

U.N. assess the situation." He warned that "our overall operation continues and NATO aircraft can recommence their strikes on

A Western diplomat in Sarajevo said the reprieve was intended to give the Serbs an opportunity to comply with demands to move their heavy weapons away from the Bosnian capital and to demonstrate that NATO is not taking sides in the war.

The idea is to bomb them to the negotiating table, not to scare them away from it," said the diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammad Sacirbey called

the decision "unacceptable." In the predawn hours Friday, NATO warplanes and U.N. artillery hit Bosnian Serb targets for a third straight day. The bombing raids ceased three hours la-

Mr. Sacirbey said Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the U.N. commander for Bosnia, told him Friday the pause would last for one

Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier, the U.N. military chief in Yugoslavia, met early Friday afternoon with Bosnian Serb military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic in Mali Zvornik on the Yugoslav-Bosnian

(PLO) made little progress in

this week's round of talks and

a West Bank autonomy

agreement might not be

ready by the Sept. 18 target

date proposed by Washing-

ton, Palestinian negotiators

However, Israeli Foreign

Minister Shimon Peres said

be was confident a pact could

be written and signed by the

end of the month, Israel

Arafat today and we shall be

discussing issues at the peace

conference," Mr. Peres said,

We will be reviewing prog-

Asked why Italy was the

venue for the meeting with

Mr. Arafat, Mr. Peres said

one reason was that secret

talks between the Israeli and

Palestinian delegations had

been conducted at an undis-

closed Italian location in June

through the good offices of

Italy's Foreign Minister

The main stumbling blocks

to an agreement are the with-

drawal of Israeli troops from

Susanna Agnelli.

"I will be meeting Mr.

said Friday.

, Radio reported.

### Jordan welcomes NATO operations against Serbs

JORDAN HAS voiced its satisfaction with the military operations by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) against Serb positions to deter further Serb

attacks on Sarajevo. Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti told reporters following separate meetings with the ambassadors of Britain, Russia and China and the charge d'affaires of the Bosnian embassy in Amman that Jordan "welcomes these operations, which aim at deterring the Serbs from com-

mitting further aggression."
"The Serb forces have been committing brutal actions against the innocent civilians of Sarajevo and the other parts of Bosnia," said the minister. He expressed hope that the NATO air strikes would stop "aggression and bring about security and stability to the embattled company.

The air strikes will help the conflicting parties to enter serious negotiations and end

"Janvier is going there to impress upon Mladic conditions to call off the NATO-U.N. operation," the diploseen rising in the area. mat said. He said the Serbs must comply with two de-

and reopen land routes into the besieged capital. Less than an hour after the suspension, the boom of heavy guns fired from the rapid reaction force re-

mands — to remove heavy weapons more than 20

kilometres outside Sarajevo,

sounded across Saraievo. About two dozen rounds were fired from 155-mm guns dug in on Mount Igman to the southwest of the Bosnian

PLO sees little chance for

capital at Serb positions near Vogosca, northwest of Sarajevo, and smoke was

the arrogance of the Serb forces," he added.

Referring to reports about

Russian objections to the air

raids, the minister said he

was surprised at this attitude.

Jordan hopes that the Rus-

sian government would re-consider its position and re-

frain from rewarding the

the British ambassador a

message from his British

counterpart outlining Lon-

don's position with regard to

the situation in Bosnia and

reaffirming the need for high-

level political action to

achieve a just and final settle-

ment to the Bosnian ques-

Mr. Kabariti also received

another message from the

Chinese government dealing

with Bosnia and reaffirming

China's support for the Mid-

dle East and North Africa

by China's ambassador to

The message was delivered

conference in October.

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Mr. Kabariti received from

aggressors, he said.

U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said despite the suspension, the United Nations would continue to target any Serbs weapon threatening or firing on

Sarajevo. A senior Bosnian government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke proposed the pause after meeting Thursday with Ser-

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French General A. Soubirou, commander of the rapid reaction force in Bosnia, points to the Serb positions that his force hit on Wednesday at a press conference on Mount Igman (AFP photo)

## Jordan and Israel discuss strategy at MENA summit

Beilin, Khalaf review projects and preparations; Israeli minister briefs Kabariti on political front Tripartite meeting planned in Bonn in October

By P.V.Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan and Israel on Friday appeared to have broken new ground in coordination in strategy and presentation of development and infrastructure projects for financing at a major economic conference to be held in Amman next month as well as a common vision for economic development of the region.

Discussions chaired by Israel's Minister of Economy and Planning Yossi Beilin and Jordanian Planning Minister Rima Khalaf also produced an agreement to hold a tripartite meeting with the Palestinian self-rule authority in October, the officials said.

Mr. Beilin, who arrived here at noon after crossing the King Hussein Bridge and returned through the same route around 6.30 p.m., also held a separate meeting with Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti and briefed him on the progress of the Israeli-Palestinian

negotiations on expanding autonomy to the West Bank. . In a statement to Jordan Television, Mr. Kabariti said the meeting covered economic cooperation and the peace process, including

the Israeli-Palestinian track.

"I believe that the negotiations are proceeding well' on this track and that the two sides would reach an agreement in the next few days," said Mr. Kabariti.

The foreign minister said he expected an "active and Planning Minister Rima Khalaf on Friday

talks to reporters after a meeting with Israeli Economy and Planning Beilin (right) (Petra photo)

effective" Israeli participation in the Middle East and North Africa economic summit to be held here Oct. 29-31 and that he felt that Israel had "a genuine desire" to have coordination with Jordan and the Palestinians before the conference.

Mr. Beilin, who took over the ministry of economy and planning two months ago, described Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli coordination as "one of the most important

developments in the future." "It will prove to many people how important it was to make peace...The Israelis will prove to the Jordanians and Palestinians and others... All of us would like it to become a success story," he told Jordan Television.

On the implementation of Israel's accords with the Palestinians and Jordan, the Israeli minister said: "I think we are going in stages and it won't take very long

before we see things on the ground. The development is a very rapid one. We are now concluding agreements with the Jordanians on transport and other issues, and it would be easy for people to move from one place to another. It will contribute to the ability of working together economically too."

At a short encounter with the press earlier, Mr. Beilin was asked what was his country's position on the recent defection to Jordan of senior Iraqi official Hussein Kamel Hassan.

"We don't have a position on the defection," Mr. Beilin replied. "We don't have diplomatic relations with Iraq and thus we are free from referring to the issue." He declined further comment.

The meeting between Mr. Beilin and Dr. Khalaf was the first between the planning ministers of Jordan and

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## King to meet with Saudi leader soon

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has expressed hope for a summit meeting with King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia in the course of achieving inter-Arab reconciliation.

Speaking to reporters upon his return to Amman following a two-day visit to Oman, King Hussein said he was looking forward to the meeting. "No date has yet been fixed but, with God's will, it is to take place in the very near future," he said.

Describing his talks with Sultan Qaboos of Oman as successful, King Hussein said that the two countries' views were identical with regard to all the subjects discussed.

"The visit reaffirmed the brotherly ties between the two countries and the Jordanian delegation was overwhelmed with the Omani hospitality and brotherly feelings and respect," King Hussein added.

King Hussein, who was accompanied on the visit by Her Majesty Queen Noor and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker along with other senior officials, said that Oman will participate in the Middle East and North African (MENA) conference in October.

Discussions with the Omani leaders focused on bilateral ties and ways to reestablish solidarity among Arab countries, the King said.

"I believe that matters are moving in the right direction and I am very optimistic about attaining our aspirations of strong Arab relations," he

King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos reaffirmed their support of the peace process on all tracks for the achievement of just and durable settlement and called for collective Arab action to end inter-

## French commandos raid Greenpeace ship

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — French navy commandos boarded the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior II at dawn Friday as it entered territorial waters at France's nuclear testing site, and Greenpeace claimed two divers snuck into the area and boarded the testing platform.

Greenpeace said it warned the French army of divers' presence "so that the lives of the Greenpeace divers are not endangered."

France plans a series of seven to eight nuclear tests between September and May 1996. France has kept the dates secret, but it has been speculated the first test could come in the first week of September.

A French army spokesman in Papeete confirmed that two divers had entered the Lagoon around the Mururoa atoll, but would not confirm that they reached the test platform.

Greenpeace said the divers were under the offshore platform, used to carry out the underground nuclear tests.

The divers were apparently among a group of Greenpeace members who set out in nine rubber rafts before the Rainbow Warrior was stormed and placed under military control. In Papeete, 1.200

kilometres from the test site. the army said that six rafts penetrated the lagoon and four were stopped. It could not explain the fate of the others. "Our last and final hope is

to be peaceful witnesses in this test zone and do what we can to try to stop the first of this series of French tests," Greenpeace in Paris quoted spokeswoman Stephanie Mills as saying. Ms. Mills is aboard the Rainbow War-

The Rainbow Warrior, with 17 members aboard, was

heading for Mururoa, under French navy escort, Greenpeace said. The army said that 15 com-

mandos boarded the vessel. Ms. Mills told Associated Press Television that naval commandos boarded the boat at dawn, shortly after it crossed the 12-nautical-mile limit into French territorial waters around Mururoa atoll.

Tension between French authorities and protesters mounted as France prepared to detonate a nuclear explosion. The tests are planned at Mururoa and nearby Fangataufa atolis.

Marc Launois, of the military applications division of France's atomic energy commission, said on Fre that he doubted the tests would start as of Friday and "it will not be this weekend."

Speculation bevertheless

remained rampant as to when

the first test would occur. "They've just come alongside the ship. They've put this grappling book on the lower deck," Ms. Mills said as the boarding scene was unfolding. "They're knocking at the windows... they've pushed our cameraman over," she said of the black-clad com-

Commandos boarded the Rainbow Warrior in a similar fashion during a July protest.

mandos.

The Rainbow Warrior II is one of numerous boats in a so-called peace flotilla holding vigil around the test site.

The French warship Prairial had warned it to turn back, but it proceeded, triggering what has become a cat-and-mouse game between the environmental protest group and the French milit-

As the peace flotilla led by Greenpeace maintained its vigil at the testing site, demonstrators scuffled with riot police at the airport in Tahi-

## Women bring first grassroots democracy to China

HUAIROU, China (R) -Ara Wilson's baseball hat advertised a lesbian television station and Tibetan women openly accused Beiiing of genocide, giving Chinese a first glimpse of grassroots democracy at a women's forum on Friday.

Some 20,000 women from all over the world aired their views at workshops, not exactly in the heart of the city since the international forum was shunted to the suburbs of Huairou at the last minute, but close enough for the ripples to be felt.

For all the outside criticism of the planning of the event. China has never previously allowed itself to become a stage for such a diversity of political and social debate. "Look around you and here it is," said Marilyn Golden, a wheelchair-bound

activist for a San Francisco

advocacy group for the disabled. Sure, it's chaos. But

it's people talking to other people."

Ara Wilson's baseball hat carries the logo DYKE TV. and it's a fair bet no one has walked around Beijing before advertising a lesbian television station.

exiles ever stood openly in the Chinese capital to accuse the Beijing government of genocide in their homeland. Several of the Tibetans wore lesbian rights badges in their daring protest on Friday.

parallel with the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, a more bureaucratic affair in which government delegations get together to haggle over the wording of a so-called platform of action.

commitments from world governments at next week's conference to correct the imbalance.

To press governments to make concrete financial and political commitments to the platform for action due to emerge from the U.N. conference, Ms. Abzug's organisation is setting up a scoreboard at the site that will ring a bell when a country takes welcome action and buzz when it doesn't.

The non-governmental organisations, or NGOs, try to insert their more radical agenda into the platform. At the same time the NGO forum is a chance for thousands of fringe and mainstream pressure groups to network and exchange ideas.

In Bangladesh, women said they were not encouraged by the conference because its decisions would not be binding on anyone.

"We hear a lot of things

about the Beijing conference. But no one says if the conference would mean an immediate end to repression of women," said college teacher Shahana Begum.

In Beijing, Ms. Wilson's lesbian group did not make the evening news, nor is it likely to: "The Chinese media's press coverage of the forum is filtered for controversy. Ordinary Chinese have no access to the forum site, where police roadblocks keep out the curious.

Yet the very presence of lesbians and Tibetan exiles is extraordinary.

So too is the debate in tents that dot the site and where Palestinian women have thrashed out their differences with Israelis, Kuwaiti environmentalists have engaged in slanging matches with Iraqis and prostitutes defended the world's oldest profession from feminist attacks.

local Chinese participants selected to represent their country at the forum are getting their first uncensored look at the issues that preoc-Normally taboo subjects in

China are being freely aired, such as the issue of "comfort women" the mostly Asian sex slaves of Japanese occupying forces during World War II. Drum-beating Korean

women paraded under the banner of the Korean Council for the Women drafted for military sexual slavery. Chinese security agents stared on impassively.

Police made no attempt to intervene in a similar protest by the Tibetan exiles a few minutes earlier, even though Chinese authorities said women must confine protests to a school playground and avoid insulting the Chinese state.

What's more, some 3,000 Delays and confusion, page 3

Sept. 18 signing of accord The two sides have been said. Combined meeting in the Israeli Red agency dispatches Sea resort of Eilat to reach an agreement. ISRAEL and the Palestine Mr. Arafat left Friday for Liberation Organisation

Rome to meet Pope John-Paul II at the Vatican. Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat are attending an economic conference in Cernobbio, a town on Lake Como. Palestinian negotiator Saeb

Erakat said Friday that the Israeli and PLO negotiators, meeting in the Red Sea resort of Eilat, have written 320 pages of a draft agreement. In areas of disagreement, the draft contains both the Israeli and the Palestinian position,

Dr. Erakat said some progress has been made in the talks on Palestinian general elections, tentatively scheduled for later this year.

A key sticking point is the participation of Palestinians who live in East Jerusalem. Israel has agreed to let Palestinians from East Jerusalem vote in the elections. But it has rejected PLO demands that polling stations be set up in the city and that Jerusalem Palestinians run for office in the Palestinians' self-rule council.

Negotiators in Eilat "are concentrating efforts on arrangements for the citizens of Jerusalem to participate in the elections within the electoral district of Jerusalem," Dr. Erakat said, but would not give more details. Still, the chief Palestinian

negotiator, Ahmad Qouriea, was pessimistic. "We can say there is no progress in the talks," Mr.

Qouriez told Israel radio, adding that he did not think a Sept. 18 signing ceremony in Washington was possible. "There are too many issues

that are still unresovled," he

Dr. Qouriea's Israeli counterpart, Uri Savir, was more optimistic. 'There is still need for intensive work, but slowly, slowly, the agreement is taking shape," he told the

Israeli daily Davar. The United States coordinator for the Middle East peace process, Dennis Ross, is encouraged by the work of Palestinian and Israeli negotiators as they try to achieve further agreements, a State Department spokesman told

reporters. Mr. Ross, who has been vacationing with his family in the Holy Land, met with Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres and members of their negotiating

teams last week. "We are following very closely the negotiations in Eilat between the Israelis and the Palestinians," spokesman Nicholas Burns said, noting that they signed an agree-ment in Cairo on Aug. 27 transferring eight additional administrative authorities in the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority.

Mr. Ross was "encouraged in his meetings with both the Palestinians and the Israelis,' Mr. Burns said. "It's very clear to Ambassador Ross that they are working hard to narrow their differences and to reach agreement on the next phase of the negotia-

Should they wish to have some kind of ceremony in Washington to mark the conclusion of their negotiations, the United States would be "most agreeable" to host it, the spokesman said, but he told reporters he did not have any announcement to make on when that might occur. 'That's really up to those who are negotiating," he

Nor have Tibetan women

"The women's forum runs

Veteran U.S. activist Bella Abzug said women remained totally marginalised in institutions that affect them and said she would demand

Turkey says 22 rebels

## High-level talks slated for Amman economic summit

with key participants in the upcoming Middle East/North African Economic Summit in order to finalise the charters of three key institutions that are expected to be launched at the conference opening in Amman on Oct. 29.

The institutions were called for by the Casablanca Declaration, issued after the first regional economic conference of its kind, when Israeli and Arab governments and business people held unprecedented talks about regional economic de-

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They are the Middle East Developmet Bank, the Regional Business Council, and the Regional Tourism Board. A fourth institution, the Executive Secretariat, is already operational in Casablanca, the venue of the first Middle East/North Africa Economic

The upcoming meetings will take place in Cairo, Amman, Rome and Madrid to prepare the groundwork for the three-day economic summit in the Jordanian capital. U.S. officials are hoping that the Amman Economic Summit in the wake of the Middle East peace process "can serve as an impetus for eco-nomic change" through private-public partnership.

At the Cairo meeting, due to end on August 31, participants are expected to finalise the charter and bylaws of the Regional Tourism Council, formally known as the Middle East-Mediterranean Travel and Tourism Association (MEMTTA).

Judith Barnett, a senior adviser at Department of Commerce, will take part in a meeting, tentatively scheduled for early next month in Amman, for the task force charged with drawing up the charter and bylaws of the Regional Business Council. The Council is envisaged to be a private, non-profit association which seeks to promote and facilitate regional trade and investment.

Under-secrectary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Joan Spero is also scheduled to hold talks with Jordanian government leaders on the Amman Economic Summit and other bilateral invest-

The Steering Committee which oversees the final premeeting, which is expected to attract as many as 1,000 parti-

WASHINGTON (USIA) — cipants from about 60 coun-Senior U.S. officials are gear-tries, is scheduled to hold a ing up for intensive discus- session next month, probably sions in the next fortnight in Madrid. Deputy Assistant with key participants in the Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Toni Verstandig

is expected to again lead the U.S. delegation. Susan Levine, senior vice president for Policy and Investment Development at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, is scheduled to travel to Rome around the middle of next month for a crucial meeting of the task force on the Middle East Development Bank, which reportedly still faces lingering

opposition from some Euro-

pean and Gulf states.

Where these institutions will be headquartered is still undetermined, reliable informants said, although there has been talk that the proposed bank may end up in Cairo, the business council in the West Bank and the tourism board in a North African state, possibiliy Tunis. The Executive Secretariat will continue to be in Casablanca in recognition of Morocco's hosting of the first Middle East/North Africa Summit.

Because of the importance of tourism to the region and the large part it already plays in the economies of the countries of the region, the Regional Tourism Board is the least controversial of the institutions which will be launched at the Amman meeting.

Jordan's situation is a case in point. In the year since signing the peace treaty with Israel, Jordan has seen "a mini-boom" in tourism --- about 50,000 from Israel alone; and at least 12 international hotels are being built or proposed in various parts of the country, particularly in Aqaba, Petra and Amman.

Tourism receipts are expected to total \$1 billion by the end of next year, according to one Jordanian esti-

The tourism board will seek to promote the tourism industry in the region through educational training and through establishment of a standard rating system American AAA hotel rating

In an interview, Judith Barnett explained that the functions of the proposed Regional Business Council have yet to be determined. although it is generally agreed that it will serve as a 'communicator' of information between companies trade shows, trade missions,

# Barzan Tikiriti assails Uday, defector

LONDON (Agencies) — Barzan Ibrahim Al Tikriti, half brother of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, has deepened the family rift in Baghdad by launching an open attack on the leader's eldest son and heirapparent Uday.

'If everyone knew their own size and ability, many problems would be avoided. The direction towards the inheritance of power in Iraq is unacceptable," Mr. Tikriti said in an interview to be published

on Thursday. Mr. Tikriti, himself often rumoured to be a potential defector, compared Uday to the "greedy, unfit for power" relatives who defected to Jordan in early August but warned the West not to count out President Saddam, even as his

family fortress crumbles. "He won't run away from responsibility. If he relinquishes rule things will only get worse. Iraq needs someone to be a vortex of nower, someone who can gather people around him. The regime won't fall and

CATRO (AFP) — An Egyp-

tian lawyer is suing Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin for a billion dollars in

damages following the mas-

sacre of Egyptian PoWs by

Israeli troops in two wars. Hanan Subhi Al Shami, 32,

is one of three Egyptian

lawyers who have raised

separate suits against Rabin

after reports that Israeli sol-

diers killed up to 900 Egyp-

tian soldiers who had put

down their arms in the 1956

loves his country has to be

moved by what happened," Ms. Shami told AFP. "These

were my countrymen. It was a terrible thing."

Ms. Shami filed the case

last week on her own behalf

— "I have undergone harm

in the case since these were

Egyptian soldiers," she said — claiming one billion dol-

lars for the victims' widows

But within days, she said, families of PoWs who never

came back from the wars

contacted her to add their names as plaintiffs. "A lot of

them wanted to join," she

said, adding a final list had

not vet been submitted to the

A court in the northern

Nile Delta town of

"Any Egyptian citizen who

and 1967 wars.

and orphans.

Saddam will resist until the, last bullet in his gun," he told the Al Hayat Arabic

Al Hayat conducted the interview in Tuesday in Geneva, where Mr. Tikriti works as Iraq's representa-

tive at the United Nations. While opposition leaders have long cited Mr. Tikriti as a critic of the regime and vehement Uday opponent, he remains in place. Mr. Tikriti, who is be-

lieved by Western officials to control much of Irag's finances from the Swiss banking centre, lashed out at both the family members who have already fled Baghdad and at Président Saddam's controversial

Fear of Uday was believed to play a role in the stunning defection of an entire wing of President Saddam's family, including his son-in-law and former close aide Hussein Kamel

The paper quoted Mr. Tikriti as saying that Uday was no better than Hussein Kamel and that both

Rabin faces billion-dollar suit

over Egyptian PoW massacres

President Ezer Weizman is

also listed as a defendant

law police could seize Israeli

government property in

arrest Mr. Rabin the moment

he sets foot in Egypt, if the plaintiffs filed criminal

charges against him for not paying the damages, legal

Ms. Shami has notified the

Israeli embassy in Cairo of

the suit. "They ought to send

lawyers for the defence,"

Israel ruled out on Monday

prosecuting those responsible

for the massacres, saying

Israeli law put a 20-year sta-

tute of limitations on the

crime. Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak has called on

Israel to bring the authors of

are crimes that do not dis-

appear with time," said Ms.

"By international law these

Ms. Shami said she had

spoken to numerous PoWs

who witnessed Israeli atroci-

ties during the 1967 war and

who she intended to bring to

court to testify.
"The Israelis rolled tanks

over lines of PoWs. They

forced others into under-

sealed up until they suffo-

the atrocities to trial.

sources said.

she said.

If she wins, under Egyptian

Egypt could in theory even

along with Mr. Rabin.

are greedy, unfit for power

and unaware of their

were hoping to meet in

London next week and

want Hussein Kamel to fly

The Foreign Office said

it had not yet received a

request for a visa and

would not say if one would

in the disparate Iraqi

opposition movement,

while welcoming a split in President Saddam's inner

circle, said they had no

plans to attend the prop-

doubt on chances for a suc-

cessful, consolidated push to topple President Sad-dam. "Saddam has prob-

lems but I wouldn't write

him off yet," said a British

long-running speculation

that he too was about to

abscond but did not rule

out opposing from within.

"Iraq is not a monar-chy," he was quoted by the

"Or they just lined up Egyptian PoWs and machine-

gunned them," she said. Ms. Shami also intends to

subpoena Aryeh Yitzhaki,

the Israeli historian who re-

vealed the massacres. "We will call on Yitzhaki to pre-

sent the evidence he has

The lawyer, who had rela-

tives who fought and died in

the 1967 war, admits that

whatever the letter of the law

is, actually getting the billion

dollars will be a matter of

"It is the Egyptian govern-ment's responsibility to im-plement the ruling," if the case is won, she said. "It is up

to the state to do what it

must", either through inter-

national law or by diplomacy.

government knew nothing

about the massacres until Mr.
Yitzhaki publicised his studies, although Egyptian
PoWs interviewed in government newspapers said they
reported atrocities to officials

after returning home from

The government, which re-quested an Israeli investiga-

tion and called for the guilty

to be tried, has not taken a

position on compensation for

commented on the pending

Mr. Mubarak has said the

politics.

come up with," she said.

Mr. Tikriti dismissed

Their reticence has cast

Many of the key players

in from Amman to attend.

Iraqi opposition leaders

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oppose, I will do it in my own special way."

Mr. Tikriti also said Hussein Kamel was "a major cause of the tragedy" now facing Iraq, accusing the defector of "leading opposition within the Iraqi government, to the U.N. Special Commission" in charge of disarming Iraq.

Mr. Tikriti accused Hussein Kamel of being an "extremist and fanatic" who had called on the government "not to cooperate with the United Nations. He also "ordered Iraqi

soldiers to open fire on U.N. inspectors in mission in Iraq in 1992," Mr. Tikriti He charged that Hussein

Kamel wanted to become president.

Hussein Kamel had only been "a driver in the pres-idential cortege before being promoted by the president to positions he doesn't merit. Now he's looking to become head of

## Lebanon

Greenpeace ship

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A Lebanese navy boat forced a Greenpeace ship out of Beirut port on Friday because the vessel had called on Israel, the group's spokesman said.

cut the moorings of the Altair and navy boat escorted it out of territorial waters," said Fuad Hamdan. The Altair's captain Joel

"Lebanese security forces

Steward, an American, had said shortly after it docked: "We are not moving from here until we get an official written reason for our depar-Capt. Steward was accom-

panied by a crew of 18 people from Japan, India, Canada, Italy, Tunisia, Holland and Lebanon. The Altair arrived from Cyprus the same day and was

at first authorised to dock.

The previous weekend, it was in Israel and before that in Turkey. Lebanon started peace talks with Israel in October

1991 but the negotiations have been stalled. Greenpeace is on a 'Mediterranean with the

Pacific" tour to campaign against French and Chinese nuclear testing and environmental problems in the area. notably charges of Italian waste dumping during Leba-non's 1975-1990 civil war.

DIYARBAKIR (Agencies) Turkish security forces have killed 22 Kurdish rebel infiltrators near the mountainous border with Iraq. security officials said on Fri-

The Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) guerrillas were killed in a clash in Hakkari province on Thursday after entering Turkey, the regional gov-ernor's office in the city of Diyarbakir said. One pro-government vil-

lage guard died and two members of the security forces were wounded, the officials said. Security on the Turkish

side of the porous 330kilometre border has increased in the past week because of clashes between the PKK and Iraqi Kurds in north Iraq.

Troops with binoculars scanned the border in Turkey's Sirnak province on Thursday as Super Cobra helicopters hovered overhead, witnesses said.

killed on Iraq border The PKK, fighting for independence or autonomy in southeast Turkey, last week emerged from its mountain camps in north Iraq to attack targets held by Iraq's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP). The Turkish Kurd rebels are apparently trying to increase their influence in the KDP-

run region. The Iraqi Kurdish group denied that a meeting it held with Turkish civilian and military officials on Thursday was a prelude to joint action against the PKK in north

Iraq.
"The people in northern Iraq have been behind us during these attacks and it is something we have to sort out ourselves," the KDP's Turkey representative, Sa-

feen Dizayee, told Reuters. Turkey has sent thousands of troops into northern Iraq against PKK bases there twice this year. More than 17,500 people have died inside Turkey in the PKK's 11-year insurgency.

### Pentagon to transport aid to northern Iraq

WASHINGTON (USIA) — The Department of Defence and State released the following statement about the upcoming delivery by the U.S. of humanitarian supplies to help the Kurds of northern

The Department of Defence and State have announced plans to move excess DOD generators to help the Kurdish people of northern Iraq. The six gas turbine generators will be airlifted from Tompkins Barracks. Schwetzingen, Germany to the town of Sumail in the Iraqi governate of Dohuk by Sept. 30, 1995.

The turbines, each capable of generating up to 625 kilowatts of power, will be hooked into the existing power grid which has been offline since the Iraqi government cut power to the region in 1993. The hope is to restore power to water pump stations, hospitals and clinics. and possibly schools throughout the area.

In addition to the generators, DOD will also provide five U.S. Army personnel to assist in the installation and training of the Kurdish technicians who will operate and maintain the units. That phase of the operation expected to last four to six

**Deputy Assistant Secretary** of Defence for Humanitarian and Refugee Affairs (HRA) Patricia L. Irvin said the Department, in cooperation with other government agencies and within the limits of its resources, understands and strives to fulfill its responsibility to help alleviate suffering throughout the world. She said the Humanitarian Assistance Programme (HAP) is often the most economical means available to local charitable organisations to transport donated goods to foreign countries for humanitarian purpeses. Under the 1986 DOD Au-

thorisation Act, HRA is authorised to transport nonlethal excess property, relief supplies and privately donated cargo to meet humanitarian needs worldwide. In fiscal year 1994, HAP completed 72 humanitarian shipments to more than 39 countries with an estimated acquisition value of \$66.5 mil-

## 'Missing' finds spark huge row in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AFP) — Tempers Walid Junblatt. are flaring in Lebanon over jects which disappeared from the ancient temples of Baalbek in the eastern Bekaa Valley nearly a decade ago.

Lebanese police on Thursday were ordered to carry out searches in Baalbek to find the missing pieces, enabling them to enter any homes in the area they suspected of hiding the objects. It all started when deputies

for the Iranian-backed Hizbollah cried foul.

Deputy Khodr Tlayss charged in early August that 49 pieces, including two Roman sarcophagi, statuettes, a head of Jupiter and 20 column capitals, had been "stolen" in 1987 from warehouse in Baalbek, a Hizbollah stronghold.

Deputy Ibrahim Bayyan joined in by accusing an employee of the antiquities department, Monammad Tewfik Rifai, of moving the missing pieces from Baalbek to the Beiteddin Museum, controlled by Druze leader

Junblatt, minister of dis placed people in the government of Prime Minster Rafik Hariri, to return the objects which he said were displayed at the Beiteddin Museum and called for an official inves-

Mr. Rifai denied any wrongdoing. He claimed he moved the objects from Baalbek to Beiteddin upon "written instructions" from Mr. Junblatt who served as tour-

he would give them back. The minister said he archaeological objects had been robbed from Baalbek

#### lives and practices, will begin hearing the case on Sept. 10. sealed up until they suffo-cated or starved to death," proposed tariff changes, etc. court cases. Iraq peace process faces many obstacles

DOHUK (AFP) — A U.S.sponsored peace plan in northern Iraq has brought a ceasefire to the troubled region but still has many polifical and economic obstacles to overcome before a lasting

Apart from a halt to fighting which has cost more than .2,000 lives since May 1994, there has been no significant change in northern Iraq since the signing of a peace accord between rival Kurdish factions in Drogheda. Ireland, on August 11.

The two main Iraqi Kurd groups, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), pledged to embark on confidence-building measures when they were brought together in Droghe-

da by the United States. A Turkish observer was also present.

The problems they agreed to address include the demilitarisation of the PUK-held town of Erbil, an equal distribution of revenue, a reactivation of parliament, the formation of a new government and preparations for

But the two parties are still at loggerheads over how to resolve them.

The PUK, led by Jalai Talabani, insists on first settling financial problems before recovering the Kurdish parliament in Erbil and nomi-

nating a new government. The PUK's Faud Kamel told AFP that security measures also needed to be strengthened to ensure the

peace.

be solved.

Gulf war. More than a year of fight-

ing means it is now divided into a KDP-controlled northern region stretching from the Turkish border to the town of Salahuddin, and covering the towns of Zakho

million a year in customs fees the Ibrahim Khalil post.

> tions agencies operate out of Dohuk.

the main town in Iraqi Kurdistan. Erbil. Far from exploring confidence-building mea-

ment.

back similar charges against the PUK and said Mr. Talabani "collaborates with the Turkish separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK)" which has bases in northern Iraq. The PUK has also accused Mr. Barzani of collaborating with President Saddam Hus-

Dohuk. "But it could turn into a fight for the post of Iraq's vice-president, after the fall of Saddam" he said, request-

attacks over the past week against KDP bases along the border with Turkey, undermining security and stability in the area The PKK its raids were

aimed at sabotaging an August 11 peace accord between Iraqi Kurds which could restrict its movements in the region from where its guerrillas infilitrate into southeast-

have to request European backing," a PUK official said, specifying that the fate of Saddam and the PKK's role will "determine mediumterm developments in the region.

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However, KDP leader Massud Barzani believes that the military evacuation of Erbil must be priority, after which other issues can easily

Northern Iraq has been controlled by the Kurds in defiance of Baghdad since the aftermath of the 1991

and Dohuk.

Only 30 per cent of Iraq's four million Kurds live in the mountainous north, but the KDP collects more than \$40

imposed on trucks carrying Iraqi oil to Turkey through Most international relief organisations and United Na-

The southern part, which goes up to the Iranian border in the east and is under PUK control, is more urbanised and takes in Sulaymaniyah with 800,000 residents and

sures the two groups continue to exchange charges in a rivalry that dates back years. The PUK has accused Mr. Barzani of "preserving and reinforcing his tribal army instead of creating a Kurdish

army under an Iraqi Kurdistan-federal govern-A KDP spokesman threw

sein, while the KDP retorts

that Mr. Talabani is as "savage" as the Iraqi leader.
"There is now a power struggle for Iraqi Kurdistan, said a Swedish aid worker in

ing anonymity.

Further complicating mat-ters are unprecedented PKK

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ism minister in 1987. Mr. Junblatt confirmed Mr. Rifai's statement but accused him of helping himself to some of the objects along the way and using them to decorate his Baalbek home. As for the ones displayed in Beiteddin, Mr. Junblatt said

ordered the transfer of the antiques for safekeeping in Beiteddin --- where only 28 of the 49 pieces arrived - after learning that more than 200;

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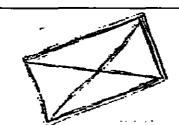
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for comment on Friday.

"The worsening working conditions have a negative impact on the employee's are of the operation of the distribution of the last four tests of the operation of the employee's productivity. Employees are living under psychological operations of the employee's productivity. cted to had four to pressure," one source said pressure," one source said referring to the widespread fears among UNRWA workers over job security.

The sources said that UNRWA has refused to grant workers salary increases to enable them to cope with the rising cost of living and is adamant in its

rejection to negotiate end of service compensations compatible with those offered by the Jordanian government.

The employees sources said they are entitled to retirement compensation only after 30 years of service and have been demanding that they be granted this right after working for the agency for 25 years.

Describing as "incorrect" agency's policies towards them, the employees alleged that "UNRWA administration exercises repressive measures."

The agency brushed aside all our demands," one source

UNRWA's establishment was based on an international decision to serve Palestinian refugees, whose "problem has not been resolved yet," said the sources.

UNRWA should not cut down on its services before the refugees problem is resolved, the sources said. UNRWA employees said

they are also concerned about the "poor" health and education services offered by the agency as a result of the programmes cuts. "Medications (at the agency's health centres)

have been in short supply," the past years. one source said, referring to cuts in the educational services such as the recent decision to close down the educational sciences college

despite protests from the employees.

The strikers will demand the reversal of UNRWA's decision to shut down the college, rejecting arguments that the decision was prompted by budget constraints.

The sources argued that the case should have been discussed with the Jordanian government and the Palestinian authority. The strike will come ahead

of a three-day visit to the Kingdom by UNRWA's General Commissioner, Ilter Turkman.

Mr. Turkman will meet

with Jordanian officials over UNRWA operations and is expected to open a new school in Baq'aa camp that was financed by Japan. UNRWA employees are planning to meet with Mr.

Turkman over their demands

but are sceptical that the

meeting will produce any positive results. UNRWA employs 20,000 people of whom the majority are Palestinian refugees who benefit from the agency's health, education, and social services which have been reduced during

The agency's largest operations are in Jordan, which hosts the biggest number of Palestinian refugees.

NGO meetings in Beijing Special to the Jordan Times

BELIING - With two days left for the opening of the Fourth U.N. Women's Conference, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) forum has so far failed to discuss the draft international plan of action, which will

By Caroline Faraj

ference. Sources attributed this delay to the large number of participants who totalled 30,000 and to the host of different activities being carried out to prepare for the conference, which starts here on Monday.

serve as a basis for the con-

Sources said 36l workshops and symposia were held over the past three days ahead of this major confer-

discussed Participants such issues as human rights, peace and human security, education, health and economy, politics and governments, environment information, religion, science and technology, and art and cultural, in addition to youth concerns.

The discussions were dominated by such topics as democracy, human rights, public freedoms and impact of wars on women, in addi-

tion to health and environmental issues, the sources

Palestinian delegation given red light on speech

Meanwhile, the Palestinian delegation received instructions from Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) to focus on their suffering under Israeli rule and play down domestic violence and unequal treatment of women under local laws, an article published in the Guardian Wednesday, Aug. 30, quoted one Palestinian delegate, Merwat Rishmawi, as saying.

But also according to the Guardian Rawda Basir, a Palestinian delegate said: We reject such dictates."

Sources close to the NGO forum meetings said the Israeli delegation walked out of one of the NGO forum meeting because a member of the Palestinian delegation, Rima Tarazi, talked about the effect of war on women, an issue which the Israeli delegation did not want discussed during the meetings. The Israeli delegates say the NGO forum is not held to raise political

preparations for the NGO forum, Chinese security authorities warned that no demonstrations will be tolerated nor any unscheduled meetings allowed, according to the article.

Sources said Chinese security forces confiscated films and posters, which advertised respect for human rights. Sources described the move by the Chinese security forces as an obstacle to the operations of the NGO forum. Human rights could also

fall outside governmentapproved protest topics, according to the Guardian. The paper reported that China rejects attempts to widen debate beyond the right to food and shelter as meddling in domestic affairs.

Despite this atmosphere, Arab liaison officers held a co-ordinating meeting Thursday, during which they held ll Arab workshops to discuss public freedoms, education, health, culture in addition to other common Arab concerns.

The Arab team, which includes representatives from 22 Arab countries, will not be able to discuss issues as separate entities but as

#### Princess Basma calls for unification of Arab women's standpoints

HUAIROU — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Thursday chaired a meeting of the coordinating committee at Huairou during which they discussed the need for reaching a mechanism through which coordination among Arab NGOs participating in the conference may be ensured.

Urging participants to act as one team, Princess Basma said the conference represents a golden opportunity for Arab women to put forth their ideas and proposals. interact with other delegations, and to learn about their views and problems and help ensure a better status for women in the world.

Princess Basma said the conference was bound to give impetus to women's drive to attain full equality, social justice, social and economic benefits and other gains in the century to come.

The Princess also chaired a meeting for the official Jordanian delegation and exchanged views with them on several topics which will be raised at the conference, such as poverty and its impact on women.

Princess Basma will make a presentation on the impact of poverty on women, supported by facts and figures on Arab and international levels.

Television, radio, press

one information service

to be integrated into

part of the non-aligned movement member states.

Despite the Chinese government's preparations to host the conference, it seems the government could not ensure suitable bousing for participants in the NGO

The Jordanian delegation had earlier booked into newly built apartments in Huairon, but could not use them because they were not

AMMAN (Petra) -- Minis-

ter of Information Khaled

Karaki Friday announced

that separate offices of Jor-

dan News Agency, Jordan

Television and Radio Jordan

in all governorates will

unite into single news infor-

Dr. Karaki said that the

unification of these offices

to be named information

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terms of providing the pub-

lic with easily accessible

information as well as in

organising informational

The ministry aims at con-

veying information services

to all regions of the King-

dom serving all sectors,

AMMAN (Petra) - The

Federation of Jordanian

Chambers of Commerce

(FJCC) has been in contact

with chambers of commerce

and industry in countries

with commercial ties with

Jordan to call for their par-

ticipation in the Middle

East and North Africa

(MENA) conference in

October, according to the

investment climate in the

country, Mr. Murad said in a

federation's

Haidar Murad.

services to the press.

added Dr. Karaki.

mation offices.

yet equipped to accommodate visitors.

Alternative bookings were made for the delegation by by Princess Basma. Sources told the Jordan

Times the Chinese government wanted to reap a high profit out of this major gathering, and that it had doubled hotels and apartment rates without improving services to the visiting delegates.

The ministry has started

studying the status of Petra

and Jordan Television

offices operating abroad

before uniting their media

The united offices over-

seas will not only provide

information to the local pub-

lic but will also help Jordan

maintain constant contact

with Arab countries in deal-

ing with issues on several

levels and in different fields,

especially in matters of

mutual concern, said the

The minister said these

unified offices will be linked

to satèllites so that their ser-

vices can reach the widest

possible audiences around

minister.

**Chambers of Commerce** 

pursue contacts for

services, the minister said.

## Ten to be charged with attempted sabotage

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A group of 10 people will be referred to the State Security Court this week to be formally charged with plotting bombing attacks in the latest case of attempted sabotage in Jordan, judicial sources said

The group, known as Bayat Al Imam (pledge of allegiance to the leader), was uncovered before it could actually carry out any attacks, said the sources.

The sources said the men, include the purported leader of the group, identified as Asem Mohammad Daher, alias Abu Mohammad Al Magdesi.

Bayat Ai Imam followers believe only themselves to be the "true followers" of the Islamic faith and do not attend mosque prayers or schools because they reject the entire system, according to the sources.

During their interrogation the suspects maintained their sense of supremacy and insisted on their belief that everyone outside their circle was a "non-believer," the source said.

The sources said the suspects, most of them under 30 years, had confessed to having plotted subversion and explosives were found in the possession of some of them. The charge sheet against them includes illegal possession and manufacturing of explosive materials with the purpose of using

them illegally. According to the sources. some of the suspects are unemployed and several of them are illiterate.

The 13 suspects join at least eight others expected to tried in separate cases when the State Security Court resumes sessions in September following a month-long holiday of the judiciary.

Among the others are two Jordanians accused of shooting and wounding a French diplomat in March.

Others include members of two groups who were apprehended in the course of plotting subversion, according to the sources. Salem Abdullah and

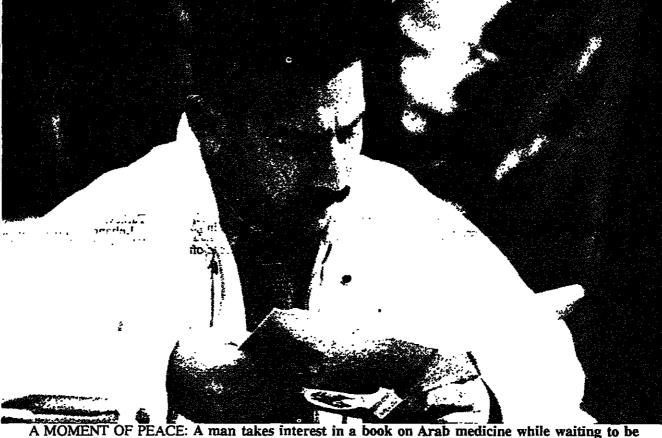
Ahmad Oassem, both 22, the two accused in the Feb. 24 attack on Gilles Heine, a second secretary at the French embassy, will be charged with attempted murder, plotting to carry out extremist attacks and possessing illegal arms and explosives.

No immediate detail was available on whether the two assailants belonged to any organised group or what motivated them to stage the

Reports in the local press said at that time that the two belonged to an extremist group which opposed the Jordanian-Israeli treaty signed in October and resented Israelis visiting Jor-

It was one of the rare attacks on foreigners in Jordan and security sources described it as an isolated incident.

Also pending are charges against at least six other people, all of them also suspected of plotting subversion in Jordan.



picked up by public transport in the busy streets of Amman (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

## British Council announces GCE results

By Ica Wahbeh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A British Council press release has announced the results of the General Certificate for Education (GCE) exams in May/June 1995, with pass rates as high as 75 per cent.

Of 748 candidates who sat for the examinations, a pass rate of 73.9 per cent was registered at the Advanced Level (A-Level) and of 75.3 per cent at the Ordinary Level (O-Level). According to Rula

Kawar, manager of culture and exams at the council, students sitting for these exams usually come from five schools: International Orthodox, Ahliyyah for Girls, Bish-op, Rawdat Al Ma'aref and Abdul Hamid Sharaf. The New English and the Baccalaureat schools also hold International General Certificate for School Education (IGCSE) exams on their premises. In Great Britain, O-

Level students are the

11th graders while the A-

Level students are usually

year after tawjihi. That is not the case in Jordan, though. Students taking their exams at the British Council, according to Ms. Kawar, are all 11th

For the Ministry of Edu-cation to equate the GCE with tawjihi, it is required that a student pass two A-Level and six O-Level exams. But as the equivalent does not grant a grade for those wishing to study engineering or medicine this is not enough and so, says Ms. Kawar, students prefer to wait 13th graders, that is. a another year to sit for tawjihi as well.

This being the case, the question is why students would still want to do all this amount of work and exert all this effort.

According to Ms. Kawar, "many parents think GCE is more challenging and has more accreditation than tawjihi, it could give more chances abroad".

Yet most GCE students nowadays choose to stay and study in the Kingdom or go to the American University of Beirut as fees abroad are high.

#### statement Friday. The federation, said Mr. appreciates His

**MENA** economic summit Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's call, made within his address Wednesday to representatives of private and public sectors participating in the MENA conference, to all concerned parties to consider human resources as the central and focal point in all their efforts towards socio-economic

development at the local and

chairman regional levels. Mr. Murad praised his fed-As part of its contribution eration's efforts, making to the October conference mention of the FJCC's role the federation has held disin the preparatory commitcussions with legislative and tee for the MENA conferexecutive authorities for the ence chaired by Minister of amendment of laws and leg-Industry and Trade Ali Abul islations governing economic and financial matters on Ragheb. matters relating to the

In his address Wednesday the Crown Prince urged parnicipants to define their priorities and work out wellplanned proposals for the economic summit

## WHAT'S GOING ON

DARAT AL FUNUN **SUMMER '95 ACTIVITIES EXHIBITIONS** 

'Works of graphic art by several artists at the

\*Photography show 'Elements in Harmony' by Hala Hodieb.

\*Display of painted stone and steel, 'Embargo Art' by Iraqi artist Nuha Al Radi.

\*Early Morning Scribbles' by Lebanese artist Amin Al Basha and Jordanian artist Rajwa Bint Ali and 'Late Night Scribbles' by Amin Al Basha and artist Ali Bermamet.

Sculpture by Rajwa Bint Ali at the Open Air Sculpture workshop.

\*Ceramic shop at the Lower Gardens.

\*Works by contemporary artists at the Central

3-D experiments in calligraphy by Usama Khali-

#### **SEMINAR**

\*"A Reading in the Old Syrian Culture" by Imad Sa'd at the Phoenix Gallery of the Culture and Art at 7.00 pm.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

\*Paintings by Palestinian artist Samira Badran at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman.

\*Exhibition of Egyptian products at the Amman International Auto Show, Airport Road.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Jordan, Sri Lanka sign initial trade agreement

Amman (Petra) — Jordan and Sri Lanka Thursday signed an initial trade agreement under which both countries will exchange vegetables and fruit as a first step towards expanding bilateral trade cooperation. The agreement was signed for Jordan by President of the Jordanian Society for Exporters of Vegetables and Fruit Karim Haddadin and his Sri Lankan counterpart. Under the agreement Jordan will export cauliflower, grapes, apples, and almonds to Sri Lanka and will import Asian fruits which are not available

Yemeni minister arrives for trade, supply talks

Amman (Petra) — Yemeni Minister of Supply and Trade Mohammad Ahmad Afandi arrived Friday at the head of a Yemeni delegation on a several-day official visit to Jordan. In an arrival statement Dr. Afandi said he will meet with Supply and Trade and Industry Ministers Adel Qudah and Ali Abul Ragheb to discuss food subsidy policies, customs exemptions and facilitation of the flow of exports between

## **CONDOLENCES**

Attiyeh and Lucy Aslou announce with deep regret the death of their beloved mother

## Jamileh Kawak Aslou

who passed away on Thursday at the age

Condolences will be accepted at her home in Shmeisani next to Al Raed Al Arabi school, today and tomorrow.

May God Bless Her Soul

Liz Taylor and

husband separate

LOS ANGELES (R) -Hollywood legend Eliza-

beth Taylor and her seventh

husband, former construc-

tion worker Larry Forten-

sky, have separated after

nearly four years of mar-

riage, the couple has announced."We both need

our space for a while, so we

have agreed to a trial sepa-

ration. We both hope this is

only temporary," they said

in a joint statement Mr.

Fortensky, 43, has reportedly moved out of Taylor's

exclusive Bel-Air mansion

and the couple is now living

apart. The latest twist in

Taylor's tumultuous love

life came with no advance

signs her marriage to

Fortensky was on the rocks.

The 63-year-old actress has

curtailed her appearances since she had hip replace-

ment surgery in June, and

she suffered a major busi-

ness setback this week when

the launch of her newest

abruptly cancelled. Taylor,

who started off as a child

actress and rose to become

one of Hollywood's most

glamorous stars, met Fortensky in 1988 while

both were patients at the

Betty Ford Centre for Drug

and Alcohol Treatment out-

side Palm Springs, Califor-

nia. Nearly 20 years her

perfume, Black Pearls, was

DUBLIN (R) — The IRA

voiced "deepening disap-

pointment" Friday that its

year-old ceasefire had failed

to win its political arm, Sinn

Fein. a place at all-party

Northern Ireland peace

The guerrillas said in a

statement one year to the

day after they silenced their

guns that British Prime Min-

ister John Major had failed

to grasp an opportunity for a

reference to any possible

resumption of a 25-year war

against British rule which

the guerrillas halted last

Sept. I to try to win a reunit-

ed Ireland through political

"Regrenably, and after a

full year, this opportunity

has not been grasped by the

British government. It is a

matter of concern that the

British have succeeded only

in preventing movement

towards a resolution," the

Major's government to face

up to its responsibilities is

the source of deepening dis-

appointment to all those who

seek a just and lasting settle-

The IRA did not mention

moves by Britain and Ire-

land to set up an internation-

ment," it said.

The failure of John

Yet the statement made no

political settlement.

for a settlement. Sinn Fein said Thursday that it would reject such a body if it turned out to be another attempt by Britain to

NAIROBI (R) — The lead-

ing opposition group among

Hum refugees Friday

denounced a cabinet shake-

up in Rwanda as strengthen-

ing the hand of hardline Tut-

sis and the Tutsi-dominated

In a communique to AFP

here the Rally for Return

and Democracy (RDR) said

the regime had been radi-

calised and was now "domi-

of the Rwandan Patriotic

Front (RPF)." It was the

RPF which led a fightback

to end the genocide in

Rwanda last year in which

Hutu extremists killed more

than half-a-million Tutsis,

moderate Hutus and their

President Pasteur Biz-

imungu Thursday named as

prime minister. Pierre-

Celestin Rwigema, a 42-

opposition groups Friday declared invalid the official

result of a referendum on a

new constitution giving President Nursultan Nazar-

bayev greatly enhanced powers to push through eco-

nomic reforms, Interfax

Officials from the Com-

munist Party, Labour Move-

ment, the Human Rights

Committee and several other

organisations said only 34

per cent of the electorate

News Agency reported.

families.

nated by the hardline wing

new life into what they say

is the best ever opportunity

disarm the IRA and loyalists before an overall political settlement had been negotiated by all parties to the con-

Britain and Ireland hope that the internationalisation of the arms issue may break the deadlock caused by the guerrillas' refusal to hand over any arms until the shape of a new "agreed Ireland" is worked out at the conference table.

The Irish Times reported that former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, President Bill Clinton's Ireland advisor, had been asked to head the commission and had ten-

tatively agreed. There was no independent confirmation of the report, which would bring Washington directly into the Anglo-Irish peace process for the first time.

Northern Ireland's unionist parties, representing the views of the 60 per cent Protestant majority which wants the province to stay British, insist that they will never sit down with Sinn Fein while the IRA holds on

to its arms. The IRA arsenal includes ground-to-air missiles and semtex explosive which Britain and the Unionists fear could be used to resume the war against Britain anywhere in the world if the guerrillas were not satisfied at the outcome of peace

talks. "Amongst other diversions, London is using the Unionists' political intransigence as an excuse for its own refusal to move," the IRA statement said.

"Irish Republicans recognise that a lasting peace settlement must involve all the Irish people and will require a democratic accommodation among all the people of this island.

It was the guerrillas' second statement since its Aug.

year-old Hutu, to replace

Faustin Twagiramungu. He heads a reshuffled cabinet of

One of the key changes

was the appointment of a

moderate at the head of the

key Rehabilitation Ministry.

responsible for resettling

refugees, in the place of a

man many considered a

Political analysts saw that

as an encouraging sign at a

moment when the two mil-

lion Hutu refugees who fled

retribution after last year's

ethnic bloodbath are too ter-

The RDR said the reshuf-

rified of reprisals to return.

fle and arrival of "unknown"

personalities in the cabinet

would not "inspire confi-

dence and reassure the

Rwandan population and in

"The refugees are follow-

turned out to vote Wednes-

day - well below the mini-

mum requirement of 50 per

cent or the 90.51 per cent

announced by the Central

According to the official

result, of the 90.51 per cent

who voted, 89 per cent

favoured boosting Mr.

The opposition groups car-

ried out a separate count of

voters, with some 1,500

observers posted at 644

polling stations, said Oleg

Electoral Commission.

Nazarbayev's powers.

particular the refugees.

21 ministers.

Tutsi extremist.

"complete cessation of hostilities."

Last November the IRA issued a statement disowning a fatal robbery in the border town of Newry which it blamed on a maverick IRA unit. One postal worker was killed, the only fatality directly linked to guerrilia

violence in one year. Meanwhile several hundred Irish Republican Army supporters launched midnight protests throughout Northern Ireland to coincide with the first anniversary of the IRA cease-fire.

The anniversary has put a focus on the dashed hopes of quick political progress and the risk that the cease-fire could break down as a

Peace activists provided a poignant reminder Thursday of the cost of Northern Ireland's violence. An electronic billboard in a main South Belfast square displayed each of the nearly 3.200 names of people killed during the past quarter-century of "troubles."

This time last year Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams declared to a crowd of cheering Catholics that the IRA was lowering its guns to create space for peace negotiations.

The disillusionment and bitterness of Adams supporters went on display as pro-testers marched at midnight or shortly before to British army bases in Belfast, the second-largest city, Londonderry, and other Catholic parts of this British-ruled land.

No serious injuries were reported as protesters carrying "all party peace talks placards faced off now" with police in riot gear at several venues.

Sinn Fein councilors stepped in as tempers flared. ordering children to stop

ing the developments in the

Kigali regime with con-

new government will pursue

the hard line traced by

extremist RPF elements who

are using all means to pre-

vent dialogue with the

refugees on the conditions of

their peaceful return," the

It called on the internation-

al community to make sure

the Rwandan government

responded to the needs of

the refugees and Hutu

majority within the country.

the government would "pur-

sue attacks against the

refugee camps in Zaire and

export war to that country,

which already suffers

enough from the presence of

Abrayev, head of the Kaza-

khstan Human Rights Com-

mittee. Yury Kim, head of

the Electoral Commission,

rejected the opposition claim as "biased".

"You cannot draw general

conclusions on the referen-

dum using some data from

some isolated observers," he

said, adding that 10,253

polling stations had been set

foreigners invited to observe

He said none of the nine

the referendum had reported

up for the vote.

many

Rwandan

However it said it feared

RDR said.

There is a great risk the

Hutu refugees slam new Rwandan government

31, 1994 declaration of a throwing stones at police even as adults shouted abuse at the generally impassive lines of officers.

"People are extremely disappointed and distressed that a year after the IRA's courageous decision, the British still refuse to accept our right to play an equal part in democratic life," Adams said as he marched down the main thoroughfare in Catholic West Belfast.

In Omagh, 100 kilometres west of Belfast, police arrested one protester late Thursday and dragged others off the main street after they staged a sit-down protest and tried to scale the perimeter fence of an army

Earlier, protesters in Dublin scaled the fence at the British embassy there and briefly chained themselves to a railing before Irish Police forced them back out.

Britain insists that the IRA commit itself to disarm before Sinn Fein enters negotiations with pro-British Protestant parties. Those parties deeply distrust the Sinn Fein-IRA movement despite the truce.

Mr. Adams said he hopes the Wednesday summit near London between Mr. Major and Mr. Bruton will resolve the deadlock.

"The summit between Mr. Bruton and Mr. Major is key to ensuring that none of us slip back into the situation that we've just come out of," Mr. Adams said, noting that otherwise he could not "see a way out of this crisis."

Spokesmen for loyalist paramilitary groups, which stopped killing Catholics in mid-October, said Thursday they were willing to disarm if the Catholic-based IRA made the commitment first.

Mr. Bizimungu fired Mr.

Twagiramungu — who resigned at more or less the

same moment — Monday,

accusing him of failing to

cope with post-war prob-

Mr. Twagiramungu, for his

part, wrote a resignation let-

ter condemning killings by

the Tutsi-dominated army

and arbitrary arrests, and

accused the Tutsis of failing

to live up to power-sharing

The crisis underlined the

deep ethnic divisions that

continue to gnaw at Rwan-

The new cabinet has the

same ethnic balance as the

old one, with a majority of

Hutu ministers, but refugees

have denounced many of

them as collaborators.

any election irregularities.

Sam W. Brown, head of

the U.S. delegation to the

Organisation for Security

and Cooperation in Europe

(OSCE), however said the

referendum was "another

backward step for democra-

cy" in the central Asian

The new constitution will

allow the president to dis-

solve parliament and choose

ministers without needing

the approval of parliament.

accords.



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams addresses peaceful protesters gathered at a police station in West Belfast on the first anniversary of the ceasefire in Northen Ireland(AFP photo)

## DNA identifies last czar's bones

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bones unearthed in a shallow grave are beyond doubt those of Czar Nicholas II, DNA experts announced, clearing the way for the ceremonial burial of the Russian emperor executed 77 years ago by a revolutionary

firing squad. But the three-month U.S.-Russian investigation did not deal with another vexing question: did Czar Nicholas daughter, Princess Anastasia, somehow escape the

Bolsheviks' bullets? Army Lt. Col. Victor W. Weedn, who runs the DNA laboratory for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, told a news conference Thursday of the results of the DNA testing.

"A great murder mystery spanning most of the decade is solved," he said.

Agreed Pavel Ivanov, Russia's premier DNA scientist: Beyond any reasonable doubt, the remains are those of Czar Nicholas and his family.

Col. Weedn said DNA from the bones perfectly matched DNA taken from the skeleton of Czar Nicholas' younger brother, George, who died at age 28 of tuberculosis in 1899. His skeleton was exhumed from a royal crypt last year.

The last of the ruling Romanovs were executed in 1918. The bodies were dumped into a pool of sulfuric acid 20 miles (32 kilometres) outside of the Ural Mountain city of Yekaterin-

The grave was located by a Russian geologist and a . Moscow film-maker in

1979. Twelve years later, the bone fragments were unearthed.

Investigators identified them as the remains of the czar, the Czarina Alexandra and three of their five children, as well as their doctor, valet, cook and maid. No trace was found of one daughter - either Anastasia or Marie - and the sickly son, Alexis.

If the DNA results are accepted as conclusive, church and state authorities in Russia will have to decide whether to rebury the remains at Yekaterinburg or in St. Petersburg, the final resting place of Romanov czars and empresses for more than 200 years. And church authorities will also have to decide whether to canonise the royal family as

martyrs. The burial had been scheduled for March in St. Petersburg, but delayed to allow

the new investigation.
"We'd like a proper
Christian burial," Prince Rostislav Romanov, a London investment banker and grandnephew of Czar Nicholas, told historian Robert Massie, author of a forthcoming book on the royal Romanov family.

The new evidence did not satisfy all skeptics. Emigre Eugene Magerovsky, a retired Russian military intelligence officer, interrupted the news conference to say he was suspicious of how the bones "suddenly" came to light during the Soviet era.

"The Soviets have always been masters of all kinds of shenanigans," he said.

He suggested the investigators may have been given two bones from the same corpse, in which case the DNA would have had to match.

Col. Weedn ruled that out. "What we have here is a lot of evidence saying this is the czar, besides the DNA itself." he said.

Checking the bones against Prince George's became necessary because an earlier British DNA analysis could identify them as Czar Nicholas' with only 98.5 percent certainty.

A mutation in the DNA had prevented a precise match with DNA drawn from two of Czar Nicholas' distant maternal relatives -Countess Xenia Cheremeteff-Sfiri, of Paris and Athens, and the Duke of Fife, of Scotland.

But the investigation stayed away from the Anastasia mystery. Since the grave yielded bones from only three of the five daughters, left unresolved was whether Anastasia, 17 at the time, or Marie, 19, might have survived, along with Alexis, 13.

Over the years legends have claimed that a bulletdeflecting, diamondencrusted corset allowed Anastasia to survive the Bolshevik gunfire and that she escaped and lived abroad in anonymity.

Last year, however, a Russian government commission claimed "definite proof" that one of the skeletons was Anastasia's.

#### junior, Fortensky was constantly at Taylor's bedside when she was admitted to the hospital and nearly died of viral pneumonia in April 1990. After her recovery, the romance flourished.

'condoms' make

before they spend

students think

Credit card

GREENVILLE, South Carolina (AP) - First, there was safe sex. Now, at Clemson University, there's safe spending. School officials are urging students to slip 'condoms" over their credit cards to make them think before they charge. The condoms are simple sleeves of paper carrying financial advice: "Keep this 'condom' over your credit card," they warn. "The few seconds it takes to get the card ready for use can reduce the urge to spend, spend, spend ... And then you'll have money to save and invest." The credit card condom is produced by the National Centre for Financial Education and is designed to be an attention grabber, said Nancy Porter. a family resource management specialist with the Clemson Extension Service. "We're concerned that these college students are really getting themselves in over their heads before they

even have a chance to learn how to manage their money," she said.

#### Garcia dies smiling

NEW YORK (AP) — jerry garcia died smiling. "It's strange to say, but he looked so peaceful," Deborah Koons Garcia wrote about : her rock guitarist husband in the Sept. 21 issue of Rolling -Stone. "I said to the guy at the funeral home, Look, he's smiling. Did you do that to him?" and he said, 'No, that's exactly the way I found him.' His face was so at peace." The magazine invited Ms. Koons to write a column after Mr. Garcia died of a heart attack Aug. 9 at a drug rehabilitation clinic at age 53. The Grateful Dead leader decided last summer to confront his beroin addiction, his widow . wrote. "It's a pain in the butt. ... I don't want to do it for the rest of my life," she quoted him as saying.

#### JFK's 1945 diary goes to print

NEW YORK (AP) — A diary written by John F. Kennedy during a visit to post-war Europe - including his impressions of Hitler's bunker and German women - has been been discovered and will be published in November, Publisher's Weekly magazine said. The magazine's news editor Maureen O'Brien said the 152-page book printed by Regnery Publishing will appear Nov. 22, the 32nd anniversary of Kennedy's assassination.

## Japan orders cult bank account frozen

TOKYO (AP) — A court has ordered a bank to freeze an account held by the Aum Shinri Kyo doomsday cult, in the first victory for families of cult victims who are seeking compensation, officials said.

The order came in response to an appeal from family members of seven people killed in an attack using sarin nerve gas last June in the central Japanese

town of Matsumoto. Cult leaders face murder charges in that case and in the attack with sarin this March 20 on Tokyo's subways, which left a dozen people dead and thousands of others sickened. The victims' families in

Matsumoto are demanding 550 million yen (\$5.6 million) in compensation from the cult. Victims in the Tokyo case and several others are also seeking compensation. The court decision to

freeze the account in a Sakura Bank branch at Fuji-Yoshida city, near the cult's huge compound at the foot of Mount Fuji, was made several weeks ago but kept secret until Thursday, when the account was actually

frozen. It was unclear how much money was in the account.

but news reports said it was designated to receive 920 million yen (\$9.3million) from the town of Naminoson as part of an outof-court settlement with the cult for vacating the town.

They said 70 million yen (\$714,000) was deposited into the account Thursday as part of that settlement.

Other lawsuits are expected to be filed soon against the cult as relatives of cult believers seek the return of huge donations. The cult is believed to have pressured members to turn over assets held by their families.

## Sarajevans wonder why it took NATO so long

Opposition says Kazakh referendum vote invalid

SARAJEVO (R) - Sarajevans craned their necks Friday to catch a glimpse of NATO war planes roaring through the skies above the city and wondered aloud why it had taken the jets so long to bomb Serb targets. "I am convinced the West

has finally decided to bring peace here but I wonder why it has taken them so long. said 58-year old Mustafa Balic, a professor before the "You can see it does not

take such a big effort. Every bomb on Pale (the separatist Serb 'capital' east of Sarajevo) will speed up the peace process. I wish I could be a NATO pilot for just one

NATO jets and U.N.

artillery began pounding . Bosnian Serb targets around Sarajevo Wednesday in retaliation for a Serb mortar bomb which killed 37 people and wounded 85 others in the city earlier in the

week. More than 500 air sorties and 1,000 artillery rounds later the Serbs were reeling from more punishment in three days than they had received in 40 months of war against lightly armed Bosnian goverment forces.

Bosnian Serb army air defences, arms factories, storage depots, communications and command and control facilities were being systematically destroyed with virtually no response from the Serbs except for the downing of a single French

Sarajevans Besieged rejoiced in one breath and in the next damned the West for hesitating so long to aid a city where Serb shells and sniper fire have killed more than 10,000 people and wounded another 50,000, most of them civilians.

The only message we have to NATO is to carry on, carry on and bomb their savage brains out, not in hatred but because that is the only way to bring an end to the deaths of innocent civilians in this city." said housewife

Samija Esmanovic, 42. For Said Jamakovic, a 36vear old soldier in the Bosnian army, which has fought the Serbs without heavy weapons because of an international arms embargo, the NATO attacks were a delivегапсе. "Thank God the interna-

tional community finally got serious and realised the only thing the Chetniks (Serbs) understand is force," he said. "I'd give my life to see them running away from the

bombs in Pale. Now the time has come for them to see what it's like to be on the receiving end." "I can't even sleep these days because I am constantly waiting for new strikes.

Believe me, the more strikes

there are the more coopera-

tive the Chetniks will

become.'

MOSCOW (AP) — Top

"We may have new Chernobyls," said Robert Tilles, Chairman of the International Chernobyl Fund for Nuclear Safety, a non-govemment ecological group monitoring radiation safety.

In April 1986, reactor No. 4 at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine exploded in the world's worst nuclear disaster, spewing a deadly radioactive cloud across Europe.

Of Russia's 29 operating

nuclear reactors, 11 are the same type as the one that exploded in Chemobyl. Efforts to modernise them have faltered, Mr. Tilles said. At the same time, reactor workers often lack the necessary training to safely operate the facilities.

"We can only hope that the fatal combination of events, which led to Chernobyl, won't happen again,

Experts warned that the main danger comes from Russia's 160 research reactors, 53 of which are located in Moscow. Many of them date back to the 1940s and the 1950s and are obsolete.

Another serious problem is the lack of capacity to

store the used nuclear fuel and other radioactive waste. The situation is especially alarming in the European part of Russia, where the waste storage facilities of three nuclear plants are filled almost to capacity.

"At the Kursk and Leningrad plants, the waste storages are filled to 95-96 per cent," said Vladimir Kuznetsov, head of the Russian Nuclear Emergency Prevention Centre. "In violation of the basic safety regulations, these plants even don't have a place to unload fuel from their reactors in case of an emergency."

## Environmentalists warn of possible nuclear catastrophes in Russia

environmental experts have warned that crumbling safety, poor training of workers, overflowing waste storage facilities and old equipment could lead to new nuclear disasters in Russia.

Mr. Tilles said.

The pilot car leading the entourage of Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh stands destroyed after a powerful bomb

Women's forum declares war on fundamentalism

munique.

archies.

states and the Vatican over

the conference's final com-

Between 20 and 40 per

cent of the draft declaration

remains in dispute, much of

it over calls for women to

have greater control over

their own fertility, but espe-

cially over a clause that

implicitly accuses religion

of holding back progress for

Zarina Bhatti, a delegate

from the New Delhi-based

Asian Centre for Organisa-

tion Research and Develop-

ment, said the rising power

of fundamentalists resulted

from all-male religious hier-

These .excluded women

from interpretation of scrip-

ture, and then used it to jus-

tify new religious rules, such

as head covering, she added.

Muslims wear the veil, she

said, which makes them vul-

nerable, reinforcing their traditional roles in life and

urging them to stay at home, In Bangladesh, "fatwas are

being made in the name of

religion and of patriarchy,

limelight assuming the more

traditional roles of a first

Her comeback began in

April with a tour of India,

Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The trip to Beijing, there-

fore, is not her first diplo-

matic mission, but the stakes

are much higher on this trip.

to calm the critics by stress-

ing that the first lady's visit

to Beijing will be limited to

the conference on women

with no political overtones

"This is a conference on

women that happens to be in

China," an administration

official said, adding that the

first lady would not meet

"She will be able to call

attention to the many issues

that confront women," he

The official acknowl-

edged, however, that Hillary

Clinton would always be the

target of criticism "no matter

with any Chinese leaders.

to China.

The White House has tried

More and more Indian

Iranian women are not

allowed to initiate divorce,

which is a male prerogative.

they said. Men are also

allowed to take four or more

wives - as well as tempo-

rary spouses — while

women are effectively worth

less than half a man under

the law and are barred from

Sudha Acharya, of the All India Women Conference,

said religion had become

"politicised and in many

countries is used as an

"Every religion has some-

thing positive to offer, but

what men do with religion

affects women's lives," she

The anger at the non-gov-

ernmental organisation

(NGO) Forum here may set

the tone for the inter-govern-

mental conference that will

be launched in Beijing Mon-

from liberal, Western coun-

tries are expected to stage a

fight with delegates from

conservative or Muslim

send China the wrong mes-

sage on its repressive poli-

cies. Mr. Wu himself shares

But the first lady is no

stranger to controversy as

her strong personality bas

always been a magnet for

White House opponents. For

more than a year Hillary

Clinton's pet project on

health insurance reform was

the target of Republican

invective and public contro-

The president and his wife

were forced to drop the pro-

ject, which the Republicans

protrayed as an attempt to

put health insurance under

government control and

which several opinion polls

partly blamed for the Democrats' loss of both

houses of Congress in the

Aware of her public image

as a left-leaning feminist

was damaging the party and

November 1994 elections.

representatives

HONOLULU, Hawaii Hillary Clinton's visit will stepped out of the political what she did."

Hillary Clinton regains political limelight with trip to China

behind-the-scenes

excuse for repression."

said.

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HUAIROU, China (AFP) —

Activists attending the

World Women's Forum here

Friday declared war on reli-

accusing male extremists in

Iran, India and Bangladesh

of manipulating religion for

At a heated debate here

ahead of the fourth U.N.

Women, delegates at the

meeting said fundamental-

ists had hijacked religion,

taking it out of the private

domain and into the political

They urged women to

fight extremism by lobbying

for equal rights and changes

"It is time to act," a dele-

gate from a group calling

itself the Defence Commit-

tee for Women in Iran. "The

more we are, the more we

A representative from

another association, Iranian

Women in exile, urged

women to "show theirs

anger" at the Islamic hierar-

(AFP) — First lady Hillary

Clinton prepares to go to

China for one of her most

difficult missions to date

that will mark her return to

the political forefront after

months of keeping a low

Mrs. Clinton, who arrived

here Thursday to attend

weekend ceremonies mark-

ing the 50th anniversary of

the surrender of Japan in

World War II, will be in Bei-

jing on Sept. 5 and 6 to head

the U.S. delegation at the

United Nations fourth World

Conference on Women that

The first lady's attendance

at the conference was in

doubt until Beijing allowed

Chinese-born dissident

Harry Wu to return to the

United States last week,

ending a two-month ordeal

in which the U.S. citizen

on charges of espionage.

HONOLULU.

over tyranny."

was arrested and convicted

(AFP) - President Bill

Clinton kicked off World

War II commemorations

marking the 50th anniver-

sary of Japan's surrender

and the end of the war in the

Pacific, praising the triumph

of "the forces of victory ...

Mr Clinton spoke briefly

at Hickam Air Force Base

after arriving here Thursday

with his wife, Hillary, to cel-

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the 50th anniversary of

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Some critics still believe her husband's prospects of reelection, Hillary Clinton

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Some 30 countries and territories who took part in the war in the Pacific will be present at the ceremonies, including Japan, who has since become a close U.S.

Also attending will be China, the principal victim of Japanese aggression before the end of the war, who now in turn inspires mounting fear among some of its neighbours.

headed by Defense Minister Seishiro Eto, while China's will be led by the commander of the Chinese military region of Guangzhou, General Li Xilin.

Mr. Clinton stressed that the choice of Hickam for his first speech was appropriate because "it was here —right here— that the guns of war shattered the peace of our land and drew America into the fight for freedom."

He was alluding to Japan's Dec. 7, 1941 air raid on the U.S. Pacific Fleet, which changed the course of World War II by drawing the United States into the frey on the side of Britain, as then U.S. President Franklin Roo-

sevelt was strongly urging. Some 231 aircraft were stationed at Hickam when Japanese warplanes suddenly appeared over the horizon with no previous declaration of war between the two

countries.

Clinton inaugurates World War II commemorations Japan's delegation will be destroyed or damaged in the attack, which coincided with a devastating bombardment of the Pacific Fleet anchored

> at Pearl Harbour. "The long journey to reclaim freedom for the Pacific and for the world began from this very field," Mr. Clinton said.

"And it ended 50 years ago this week when the forces of freedom finally triumphed

over tyranny," he added. Mr. Clinton then touched upon what the White House said was the central theme of the upcoming tributes: the need for Americans to confront the problems of the 21st century with the same spirit of sacrifice that saved

the world from fascism. It was a theme Mr. Clinton amply dealt with in June of last year, when he attended the 50th anniversary of D-Day, the allied landing at Normandy, France.

"Today, we turn toward a new century, in a very differ-Most of the planes were ent set of economic and political and social chal-

lenges," Mr. Clinton said. "We now must draw on the legacy of those who won World War I and built peace and prosperity afterward,"

he added. The formal ceremonies will start early Friday with a military parade at Wheeler Air Force Base, which was also attacked by the Japanese 50 years ago — 33 men

were killed, 75 were wounded and numerous planes were destroyed. The tributes will continue

Saturday at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, then aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson at Pearl Harbour, culminating at the USS Arizona Memorial, one of the battleships sunk by the Japanese whose partly submerged hulk can still be seen in the

# India tightens Punjab security after chief minister's assassination

CHANDIGARH, India, (R) - Indian security reinforcements were reported rushing to Punjab Friday after the chief minister of the state and 12 of his retinue were killed in a massive bomb

Indian newspapers report-ed that top explosives and anti-sabotage experts were also travelling to the state after the blast, which blew up Chief Minister Beant Singh outside the state government headquarters Thurs-day. Sikh militants claimed responsibility.

The remains of Mr. Singh, a Sikh from India's ruling Congress Party who became chief minister in 1992, were only identified from a foot in a shoe and his religions bangle, a senior police officer

Police said five Indian army commandos in Mr. Singh's security detail were among those killed in the explosion, as well as his driver and two of his aides. Some 18 people were wounded.

and this hinders the develop-

ment of democracy," said a

young Bangladeshi delegate

who said she was repelled

by people who opposed

democracy and equal rights

"Bangladesh came into the

spotlight last year after a

feminist writer, Taslima

Nasreen, fled to the West

when a radical Islamic group

demanded that she be killed

"Religion has been manip-

ulated for electoral aims,"

said Amrita Dass, an Indian

historian who said funda-

mentalists "control and use

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Nor was the problem of

fundamentalism restricted to

Muslim countries in the

Middle East and to the

nations of South Asia. A del-

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Women's Cancus said it was

becoming "quite a problem"

for women in Israel to seek a

divorce, given the political

power wielded by the ultra-

The first lady herself said

that she would be in Beijing

"to focus world attention on

the issues that matter most to

women and families: health

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It is precisely on her han-

dling of human rights issues

that her trip to China will

ultimately be judged.

"Mrs. Clinton has an obliga-

tion to express her country's

contempt for (China's) steps

(against participants to the

NGO forum), the New York

Times warned recently,

referring to China's relega-

tion of the meeting of

women from the non-gov-

ernmental organisation to

Huairou, 50 kilometres (30

miles) northeast of Beijing.

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delegation would be a

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The United News of India (UNI) said the Babbar Khalsa International, a Sikh separatist group active in Punjab during the insurgency of the 1980s, had claimed responsibility for the attack.

UNI said it had received a handwritten faxed message from two wanted Babbar Khalsa leaders, which read:

"Beant Singh has come on top of our hit list after be betrayed the Sikh communi-

"We had to give the death sentence to him because of

Punjab witnessed a bloody insurgency by Sikh separatists in the 1980s which climaxed in an army assault on the Golden Temple at . Amritsar and the subsequent assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gand-

hi by her Sikh bodyguards. Police said the bomb appeared to have been placed in Mr. Singh's armour-plated official white car as it was parked outside the administrative headquarters of Punjab and Haryana. The two states share the capital Chandigath.

The blast took place shortly after 5 p.m. (1130 GMT). "There was a car parked outside the secretariat building. It was fitted with a time bomb and it went off," a police spokesman told

Reuters. Police said pieces of flesh and limbs had been found on the first floor of the government secretariat building. The reception area of the 10storey structure took the brunt of the blast.

Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao expressed shock and outrage at the "barbarous act".

"Such acts of terrorism can only be perpetuated by those who have taken leave of their senses," he said. Police sealed off the city

after the explosion and set up roadblocks to try to prevent the escape of the attack-

In 1992, Beant Singh formed the first elected government in Punjab after direct rule from New Delhi for five consecutive years because of the separatist vio-

About 20,000 people died in the decade-long violent campaign for an independent Khalistan or "Land of

the Pure". It was the first major political assassination in India since former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Indira's son, was blown apart by a Tamil woman suicide bomber near Madras in May 1991.

Meanwhile, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state resigned Thursday, several hours before he was to face a no-confidence vote in the assembly sponsored by his son-in-law.

N.T. Rama Rao, 74, sent the letter of resignation to the governor, then collapsed at his home and was rushed to a hospital.

Doctors said Mr. Rao, who underwent a heart bypass operation in 1984, had suffered a mild heart attack.

Earlier Thursday, bombs were hurled at the home of the assembly's speaker, Y. Ramakrishnudu, in the colony of Hyderabad city where legislators live, smashing the windows of six residences but causing no

injuries, police said. Police arrested 30 people at the scene, but didn't speculate about who was responsible for the attack or what motivated them.

prevent To protests, more than 3,000 police were deployed Thursday outside the state assembly and barricades set up around it for the scheduled no-confidence vote.

After visiting Mr. Rao in the hospital, Gov. Krishnan

Kant accepted his resignation. Mr. Ramakrishnudu used the special session of the assembly to inform legislators that Mr. Kant had asked Mr. Rao to remain chief minister until a new government is formed. After 15 minutes, the special ses-

sion was adjourned. In a separate development, India has rejected the latest demands by guerrillas in Kashmir for the release of three jailed Pakistani militants in exchange for four Western hostages they are holding, officials said Fri-

As talks aimed at securing release of the hostages entered a critical stage, officials said Al Faran militants holding the foreign tourists made their demand during negotiations with Indian officials by radio Thursday evening.

The guerrillas, who earlier this week complied with demands from the authorities for proof the hostages were alive and well despite dath threats, had indicated their patience was wearing thin and wanted a reciprocal gesture from India.

Al Faran has offered to release American Donald Hutchings, German Dirk Hasert and Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Wells if India freed 15 militants from prison.

The four, as well as Norwegian Hans Christian Ostroe who was found beheaded two weeks ago, were seized in July.

## No passengers left on hijacked Sri Lanka ferry

COLOMBO (R) —Tamil Sea Tiger rebels who hijacked a Sri Lankan ferry with 144 people aboard earlier this week have taken all the passengers off the vessel, a Tamil party leader said Fri-

day.
The guerrillas probably used the passengers to lure two naval vessels where they could be attacked, one with suicide frogmen armed Devananda, leader of the Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) which helps with the ferry service administration.

He said 15 children under the age of seven were on board the Iris Mona when it set sail from the eastern port of Trincomalee Monday.

Children under seven do not have to buy tickets and were not listed on the official Shipping Ministry tally of 121 passengers and eight

Mr. Devananda said he thought the rebels had taken the passengers away for "inquiries" somewhere on the mainland, possibly in the Mullaitivu area. "If (the LTTE) are fight-

ing, it is something different," he told Reuters. "but why should they take this vessel? The Tigers have removed their mask. They have shown themselves for

what they really are." All communications between the vessel and the

military, which has been monitoring its movements, have been cut. The EPDP chief said mon-

itoring of the rebel commu-

nications had shown suicide Sea Tigers had mined the Dvora fast-attack craft after it had approached the ferry.

Two Israeli-built Dyoras were sunk, killing 21 navy personnel. The Tigers lost two trawlers carrying an estimated 60 rebels between Mr. Devananda, whose

once militant party now supports the government in its Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), described Moriday's hijack as "wretched". The Tigers have blocked

civilians from travelling from the rebel-held north to the south and the government was considering blocking the south-north access, residents in northcentral

Vavuniya said. Voice of Tiger radio transmissions, over which the LTTE publicises its military successes, had been jammed, residents said, suggesting that a military offensive was imminent.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said it was trying to contact the LTTE to find out what was going on aboard the ferry which is lying four kilometres north of Mullaitivu in the northeast, about 500 metres offshore.

"Somebody should take responsibility," said Marco Altherr, delegation head of the ICRC which has resumed escorting government food ships to the north with security guarantees from the armed forces and

The Iris Mona is chartered

by the government to carry civilians and the sick between Trincomalee and the northwest islands of Kayts and Karaitivu, off the rebel-held Jaffna peninsula, which are under government and EPDP control.

Defence officials say recent attacks by the LTTE, fighting for a homeland in the north and east, appear to be part of a rebel attempt to civent use army's antennon from an expected offensive against the rebel stronghold of Jaffna town.

Meanwhile a U.S. State Department official in charge of South Asian affairs said Friday Washington would maintain a ban on arms sales to the island despite the new Sri Lankan government's, progress in human rights.

"That is our policy. There are a number of reasons. Human rights concerns is one of them," said Robin Raphel, referring to a U.S. ban on the sale of lethal military equipment to Sri Lanka

But the U.S. continued to sell non-lethal equipment under an on-going limited military assistance programme for Sri Lanka, said Ms. Raphel without elabo-

Ms. Raphel, assistant secretary of state for South Asia, arrived here Thursday from Pakistan on a five-day visit as part of a South Asian tour that will also take her to Bangladesh.

The Sri Lankan government "has no problems in buying arms" for its war

effort, Ms. Raphel told reporters here.

Sri lanka has stepped up arms purchases from keysuppliers such as Pakistan and China to fight the LTTE. In a reference to human

rights in Sri Lanka Ms. Raphel said: "Overall we are clearly impressed. The goverament has committed itself to a high level of human rights," noting that a top probe was being carried out into a series of murders in the capital.

Police have detained several personnel from a police' commando unit in connec-. tion with the killings of 21, people, whose decomposed bodies have been fished out of two lakes outside the capital since May.

Chandrika President Kumaratunga led her People's Alliance to victory at general elections a year ago by promising to eliminate alleged human rights abuses under the former United National Party (UNP)

Ms. Raphel said that she discussed the renewed fighting between government troops and LTTE guerrillas with Foreign Minister, Lakshman Kadirgamar and also met opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe and Tamil politicians.

"My impression from these discussions is that the government would like to resume negotiations (with the LTTE)," Ms. Raphel said but added that it was the LTTE that had backed out of

## Yeltsin tells students not to romanticise past

MOSCOW (R) — President Boris Yeltsin has told Russian schoolchildren to respect the past but not forget the arrocities committed by the former Communist regime.

"The history of our people and our country is our common heritage, let's treat it with care and respect," Mr. Yeltsin said in a televised address broadcast on Russian public television. "At the same time let us

not forget what the Communist Party did to Russia, how many officers, scientists, intellectuals and peasants have perished. There were millions of them," he said.

The speech marked Sept. 1. a state holiday in Russia, when schools and universities hold festivities to begin the new academic year. The Russian Communist

et Union and abandoning communism, is likely to become a strong player in a parliamentary election in December. "Today every citizen of our Russia can enjoy one of

Yeltsin for ruining the Sovi-

the basic rights of a free person, the right to choose his political convictions, ideological and cultural values," he said Mr. Yeltsin has said he

hopes that liberal groupings, which back economic reform and political liberties in Russia, will not allow the Communists to dominate a new parliament.

Mr. Yeltsin, 64, grew from a regional Communist Party boss to a non-voting member of the ruling politburo in the mid-1980's, before

Party, which blames Mr. defecting to spearhead a liberal movement which ended in the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Parliamentary polls are

widely seen as indicative for a presidential election due in June. Mr. Yeltsin has not yet announced whether he will stand again.

President Yeltsin Friday denounced violations of press freedom in Russia but urged journalists to exercise restraint in the nun-up to parliamentary elections set for Dec. 17.

"There is a divergence between freedom of information on paper and the exercise of it in reality, and that divergence is increasing. That is the difficult situation the press is in now."

Mr. Yeltsin told journalists and heads of the Russian media at the opening of a congress of the democratic press in Moscow. He said administrative discrimination against journalists was "a common law crime."

"I ask the relevant authorities: why, despite the large number of such violations. was only one investigation launched in 1994 and three in 1995 for obstruction of the work of journalists?" Mr. Yeltsin asked,

He also accused prosecutors of ignoring certain "abuses of freedom of information."

Some journalists were violating the law banning . "incitement to viclence, to acts undermining the state's territorial integrity, or to social, ethnic or religious hatred." Mr. Yeltsin said.

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### Guns that had to be silenced

THERE WAS a clear message to the Bosnian Serbs when some 300 NATO warplanes struck at their military bases and ammunition dumps around Sarajevo and their strongholds in Pale and elsewhere in the country. Ostensibly, the successive waves of aerial bombing against Serb positions came in response to the Serb mortar attack on a Sarajevo marketplace that killed 37 people Monday. In reality, however, the decision to launch an all-out assault on the Serb military positions came on the heels of repeated Serb disregard to other U.N. declared safe areas and their professed dependence on military might to impose a settlement for the Bosnian conflict. This is not to mention the Serbs' record of ethnic cleansing, mass murder and rape throughout the past three years or more.

The United Nations, NATO and the entire Western alliance were repeatedly disgraced by their apparent unwillingness to do something concrete in the past to put an end to the carnage of innocent people in the war-torn country. When all failed to put some sense into the Serbian leadership, the U.N. and NATO decided, albeit belatedly, to act. Had NATO acted sooner and in a firm manner against the Serbian aggression and war crimes, the latest killings would not have been necessary.

The massacre of 37 Bosnian civilians last week could have been avoided had NATO's air power been deployed sooner to drive a clear message to the defiant Serbs that enough was enough. Unfortunately, though, the performance of the U.N. and NATO during and before the time of the massacre had given credence to the belief by the Bosnian Serbs that there was no political will on the part of the international community to act against them. As Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic lamented in the wake of the latest exercise of raw power in his country against his archenemies, the world has finally done what it should have done a long time ago."

At long last there has been a real deterrent: NATO has targetted not only the Serbs' artillery posts around the Bosnian capital but also their radars, communication centres, ammunition depots and command posts throughout the country. The scope of NATO's action included Mostar in the west, Gorazde in the east and Tuzla in the north. This is indeed a sizeable military operation by any standards. But more important is the fact that it has been accompanied by an even bigger political campaign against the Serbs. Let us therefore hope that all guns in Bosnia would soon be silenced as they should have done a long time ago so that reason, common sense and peace could prevail.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A WRITER in Al Dustour commented on the recent series of explosions in Istanbul by expressing the view that Turkey is now facing a real danger of returning to violence and the subsequent intervention of the military in government affairs. Saleh Al Qallab said that the recent spate of explosions in Istanbul was directed not only at the government but also at the tourists who constitute a major source of income to the country. The Turkish armed forces carried out military coups in 1960, 1971 and 1980 in the aftermath of unrest and disturbances that rocked the country at the time, recalled the writer, who expressed belief that the army was bound to make similar moves should the political situation aggravate further.

A WRITER in Al Ra'i demanded that the commissioner general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) rescind his order of closing the educational sciences college near Amman because such move is bound to adversely affect the Palestinian refugees living in Jordan. Ahmad Misleh said that the decision to close the college under the pretext of financial constraints was in total contradiction with the agency's repeated announcement that it will not reduce its educational and health services to the refugees under any circumstances. There is no real justification for the closure of the college, especially as the agency's Commissioner Ilter Turkmen mentioned no such thing in his talks with Jordanian government officials last month, said the writer, who said that the agency has time and again reaffirmed that it will not take any action concerning the reduction of services without first consulting with the Jordanian government. As to the financial situation, said the writer, the agency realises that it only needs the sum of \$200,000 to cover the annual expenses of running the college, adding that such small amount can easily be raised through the agency's efforts to secure funds for its operations from the donor nations. .

Jordanian Perspective

By Dr. Musa Keilani

# Let us put the disturbing episode with Egypt behind

IT WAS not surprising to see Jordan coming under media attacks in Egypt last week over the Kingdom's approach to developments in Iraq. By and large, we all understand why the state-controlled Egyptian press went for belittling Jordan's principled positions and raising question marks over the Kingdom's motivations in giving sanctuary to former Iraqi minister Hussein Kamel and his brother along

Quite simply. Egypt felt its self-assumed role as "leader" of the Arab World was not being recognised when Jordan did not feel it necessary to consult Cairo over the defections. But that feeling did not start from the defections themselves but from Jordan's decision last year to sign a peace treaty with Israel, also without any prior consultations with Egypt. The pattern of Egyptian thinking was also clearly evident in the initial criticism that President Hosni Mubarak levelled against Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for entering the Oslo accord with Israel before changing tones when Mr. Arafat sought to coordinate further peace moves with Egypt and consulted

In fact, by hosting the signing in May 1994 of the agreement that launched Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho, Egypt was basking in the superficial political glory as a key player in the entire Middle East peace process. That also explained the very visible Egyptian anger over Mr. Arafat for his last-minute reservations that some key elements were missing from the accord. As far as the Egyptians were concerned, Mr. Arafat has no right whatsover to cast a cloud over the carefully prepared Egyptian ceremony. Little thought was given to whether Mr. Arafat had a strong point behind his arguments. That has precisely been the problem with Egypt and its approaches to various issues.

Egypt has always wanted a dominant political role in the region much larger than its size and impose its hegemony. But it does not seem to have appreciated that things have undergone dramatic changes in the last five years, and the balance of power in the region no longer remains the same as it did before 1990.

Another factor behind the Egyptian media campaign against Jordan also appeared to be a desire to divert the attention of the Egyptian people from internal troubles besetting them by creating external problems. Perhaps it was only a coincidence that the Iraqi defection and the Jordanian approach to the issue offered the best target for Cairo's effort to deflect public attention from the mounting internal problems.

What we saw in President Mubarak's public ofter of asylum to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was a feeble attempt at grabbing world headlines, again falling very President Mubarak needed to be told by anyone that President Saddam is not of the mould that would seek asylum anywhere. As such, President Mubarak. by suggesting that Cairo was willing to offer asylum to the Iraqi president, was only trying to claw back into a position of political initiative, regardless, of course, of the reality that the initiative itself was a non-starter.

It was, however, rather strange that the campaign against Jordan started in the state-controlled Egyptian media one day after the Egyptian foreign minister, Amr Musa, visited Amman and held what he himself described as positive talks with the Jordanian leadership. We know the way things work in Egypt, and no one can convince us that such attacks came upon the initiative of the journalists themselves. The green signal was given from somewhere

The barbed attack that Cairo's Al Jumhouriyah newspaper levelled against His Majesty the King by suggesting that he was harbouring a desire to bring Iraq back under Hashemite rule was at best totally unfounded. Indeed, the King himself was foreseeing such suggestions when he clearly spelt out in his address to the nation that he did not have any ambition in Iraq except to see an end to the suffering of the Iraqi people. We wonder whether Al Jumhouriyah bothered to include that part of the address in its coverage of the speech itself.

We also know how things work in Jordan. Strange as it may seem to the Egyptians -- and to some others for that matter -- the Jordanian media are not state-controlled. If Jordanian newspapers follow the official line it is only because they are convinced of the soundness of the line. In fact, quite often Jordanian officials suggest to the media here to tone down criticism of foreign countries or governments when such criticism does occur.

Again, it was not any government suggestion in Amman that prompted Jordanian newspapers to hit back at the Egyptian press. It was the indignant response of nationalist Jordanians who found ill-oriented attacks levelled against their country and leadership, and no one should have expected them to accept it for any reason whatsover. We believe in what our leadership is doing and we are convinced of the wisdom and soundness of our policies.

In any event, we believe that the Egyptian criticism of Jordan was very unfortunate and should not have come in the first place. We are glad to see the Egyptian press toning down the criticism, coupled with indirect official assurances that Cairo does not want any strain in its ties with Amman. We in Jordan share the same sentiments and hope this disturbing episode is behind us now.

# Ministry should reconsider higher education policies

By Elia Nasrallah

The Arabic dailies last week focused their, attention on the question of acceptance of students in state-run universities, the repercussions of the defection of senior Iraqi officials to Jordan, domestic affairs and the Middle East question .

In discussing the controversy over the acceptance of limited numbers of school graduates at state universities, a writer in Al Dustour said that the government 's decision to accept an additional number not exceeding 600 students can by no means solve the problem. He said twice the number of those accepted are facing a grim future since their parents cannot afford to send them abroad or pay the high fees charged by the private universities. Mohammad Daoud said that the solution is to have state universities adopting double shifts and also forcing the private universities to reduce their fees. He said this will help as many students as possible to acquire higher education.

Ahmad Misleh, a writer in Al Ra'i, said that not only are students facing difficulty in securing seats for their higher education at state universities in Jordan but they also face the grim future of joining the army of the unemployed. The writer said that the Ministry of Higher Education has a duty to help find more university seats for school graduates eligible for obtaining higher education and the private universities have a duty to reduce their fees so as to open the door for more students to enrol. But, he said, the real problem lies with the university courses and subjects because they do not help the graduates to find jobs. The writer said that the courses should be re-shaped in a manner to cater to the needs of the local labour market .

George Haddad, a writer in Al Dustour, criticised the manner in which students are recruited for study at the state universities, charging that a quite a good number, of the fortunate ones enter

because they are supported by people in high places of a number of students who were accepted at these universities with below the 80 per cent grade level while others with 83 per cent grades were rejected, the writer said some of the students who are accepted through (wasta) to study at the state universities have rich parents who can afford to pay for their education at private colleges and foreign universities. The crisis that is created annually at the time of university registration in Jordan is caused by two factors: the intervention of people in high places (wasta ) to secure seats for certain students and the failure on the part of the concerned authorities to come up with an appropriate educational system to ensure justice and equality.

goods, said Fakhri Kawar. regrettably the United States What the employees get is opposed to such conclu-(wasta). Citing the example from the government is sion and is determined to channellèd in a different manner to the pockets of the greedy merchants and profiteers who are able to deceive the government and the limited-income groups alike and are quite skillful in ways of massing fortunes at the expense of the people, said the writer. It is incumbent on the government, he said, to take a firm stand against the merchants' greed to save itself the headache of giving raises to its employees except whenever that is necessary and halt the miserv of the -limited-income group.

Mohammad Subeihi, a writer in Al Dustour, criticised calls on the government to abolish the Ministry of Supply and stop subsidies for basic commodities. The ministry pays JD 30 million

## THE WEEK IN PRINT

More than two thirds of students who passed the Tawiihi examinations this year are frustrated because they have failed to obtain seats at state universities to continue their higher education, said Fakhri Kawar, a writer in Al Dustour. Their frustration came as a result of failure on the part of the Council of Higher Education to find an appropriate solution to the crisis, which faces Jordan every year . said the writer. Citing the example of Egypt, where all those who pass the Tawjihi exams can enrol at the state universities the writer said Egypt's universities are far less in number than those in Jordan in percentage terms. A writer in Al Dustour said that civil servants attach great hope for improving their living standard on government decision to raise their salaries in the face of the sky rocketing prices . But the minute the government decides to give its employees a raise, merchants start thinking of ways to absorb it through

raising the prices of their

annual subsidies to ensure that the country's poor acquire cheap bread, sugar, milk and rice, said the writer who stressed that without this assistance the limited-income would fall below the poverty line. The writer said that the Ministry of Supply is the most important government department for the majority of the Jordanian people. But, the writer said, that this ministry must take measures to ensure that only the limitedincome groups, and not the rich, benefit from such subsidies.

In discussing the Iraqi mestion Mohammad Kawash, a writer in Al Dusyour, said he was optimistic upon hearing a statement by Rolf Ekeus, the U.N. envoy charged with supervising the destruction of Iraq's weapons that the Iraqi cooperation with the United Nations was bound to contribute to accelerating the lifting of the sanctions on the Iraqi people. The writer said that the recent data provided by Baghdad is bound to help achieve this goal but

perpetuate the sanctions. However, he said the Iraqi government's recent decision to open negotiations with Kuwait to find a solution to the problem of Kuwaiti prisoners in Iraq could help overcome the American opposition to the lifting of the sanctions especially if the Kuwaitis and the Iraqis reach a settlement . Sultan Al Hattab, a columnist in Al Ra'i, said that Jordan is calling for change in Iraq because it fears for the fate of its people who are starving and facing misery. Jordan calls for the change if it brings about an end to the sanctions that have brought about this misery but it is not urging one faction to take up arms against another or for violence to erupt in Iraq. What Jordan is seeking is an end to the embargo, as well as freedom and democracy for the Iraqi people and a better future for their children, said the writer. But he stressed that it is because Jordan cares for the Iraqi brothers that it is calling for the change, which the writer said would bring with it peace and prosperity to fraq and the Arab Nation.

Mr. Hattab's views conflicted with those of Mahmoud Rimawi, another writer in Al Ra'i, who said that only the Iraqis have the right to take action that would either perpetuate the present situation or cause a change in the regime. The writer said that the Iragis should have the freedom to voice their views and decide on the form of government they want because they are more aware of their needs than other people. Any change in Iraq must take into account the Iraqi people's interests first, said the writer, who expressed hope that the change would mark the advent of democratic life to the people.

# 'Twice bitten, thrice shy'

### 'The U.S. has abandoned the leadership role it should be playing as the sole superpower in the world'

By G. H. Jansen

"IT IS damned if it does and damnedforit doesn'r," that at present, seems to be the fate reserved for the U.S., the sole remaining world power.

Soon after the U.S. assumed that position, by default because of the collapse of the USSR, it was feared that Washington would be the "big bad wolf" or "tiger," freely roaming the international jungle. That has not happened, not as yet, and that failure has taken place so quietly that the world at large does not seem to have noticed that it is not led by a essumed that position, by noticed that it is not led by a single world power.

One particular example of this development became apparent when George Stephanopoulos, the Green American special adviser to U.S. President Bill Clinton paid visits to Turkey. Cyprus and Greece in late August. His visit here turned out to be bitterly disappointing to the Greek Cypriots due, to some extent, to hopes based on Mr. Stephanopoulos's Greek ancestry. When, soon after Mr. Clinton's election, it was known that his college mate was going to be one of his right hand men. The Greek Cypriots seemed to believe that their struggle with Turkey, now forcibly occupying 38 per cent of the island, was all over bar the shouting: Washington would return occupied northern Cyprus to the Greek Cypriots on a silver

At the end of his visit here, Mr. Stephanopoulos told a Greco-Turkish press conference that he, that is: the U.S., had no plan to solve the Cyprus problem and that the two sides had to get together to work out a solution between them-

because the U.S. didn't take sides. Mr. Stephanopoulos's words of advice were identical to words of advice given by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the Arabs and, perhaps, to the Israelis, during his all-too-frequent missions to West Asia.

Thus, and as a matter of policy, it would seem that the U.S. has deliberately abdicated the leadership role that it should be exercising as the sole superpower. Why so? Not for lack of trying, but perhaps because of two conspicuous attempts at, and failures of, leadership — and perhaps even lack of leadership in Somalia and now in Bosnia. So twice bitten, thrice

There are several reasons for those particular failures and the present abdication. The most conspicuous was the weak, vacillating leadership given in foreign affairs by President Clinton and Secretary of State Christopher. Mr. Clinton personally is one of the causes of the failure of leadership. Because he was a draft-dodger not willing to serve in Vietnam, he cannot or will not impose his will, as commander-in-chief, on the U.S. military in those several situations where the U.S. has to play a military role abroad.

Then there is the widespread American fear of taking human casualties. No sooner are "the boys" put into the field than "bring the boys home" becomes a popular slogan. The great American public has not yet grasped the simple elementary fact that the role of a soldier is to kill and be killed. This humanitarian but weak-kneed impulse could be seen in operation in Beirut in 1983-84 and Mogadishu a decade

Other countries are reluctant to grant leadership to the U.S. when they see, in the crucially important West Asian area, that the U.S. is led by the minor state of Israel and carries out its behests even at the expense of its own consierable national interests i the area which should lead the U.S. to be more friendly towards the Arabs.

Syria, for some time now has been begging the U.S. to take an active part in its negotiations with Israel, which the U.S. helped to bring about, but the U.S. has consistently, and correctly, refused to do so. Correctly, because it has taken the Israeli side in the dispute. But, as a result, the talks between Israel and

Syria are deadlocked. Similarly it is correct for the U.S. not to participate in the Cyprus negotiations because here too it has taken sides with Turkey, covertly it would seem though this is known to be the fact.

The U.S. is at the centre of a dense world-wide net of interests so that it is unable to "take on" any major country which could do harm to this or that sector of America's network of interests. Thus, the U.S. will not "take on" Israel or Turkey, China or Japan, or India or Pakistan (maybe), or Indonesia or Germany, or Brazil or South Africa, or France over nuclear testing. However, the U.S. re-

cord of leadership is not entirely negative: Last week it intervened in the case of Harry Wu, the human rights activist arrested in China he was released because of Washington's intervention. But that worked only because China, at this juncture, was prepared to pay a price for Mrs. Hillary women's conference in Beijing. And also because China wants the continuation of the most favoured nation trading status granted by the U.S.

(This, of course, is how the U.S. exercises not leadership but influence - by having something that other countries want, as for instance, influence with or grants from those two superagencies, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. But this is more blackmail than leadership because there is no direct exercise of power or even of pursuasion).

Another example of America's rare success in leadership was in Ireland where, thanks really to the influence of the Irish-American community, the Irish Republican Army was compelled to agree to a ceasefire.

But underlying the U.S. failure of leadership is a basic emotion. What the English poet Laureate Lord Tennyson called, "the craven fear of being great." because to be "great" and to be a leader one has to be out in front, on one's own, doing unpopular and even nasty things which the Americans, who want to be loved and who believe passionately in, "together-

ness," do not like. There is also a failure of the national nerve, due in a large degree to the humiliating defeat in Vietnam. It is inaccurate to say that the walk-over "victory" in the "war" against Iraq has cured the U.S. of the "Vietnam syndrome": for the second Gulf war was not a real war and the "Vietnam syndrome" is still alive in

This American moral uncertainty about past actions resurface in mid-August with questions being raised about whether the U.S. should apologise to Japan for dropping the two atom bombs there, even though, as is widely known, the Japanese were brutal aggressors.

Honest doubt and selfquestioning about one's past actions are good things but not when, as in the case of the U.S., they lead to weak willed uncertainty and

indecisively. But if, unfortunately, there can only be one superpower, it is really such a bad thing that that power should be a confused and uncertain giant?



they all gathered under one roof," recalled one senior

Irish official who was pre-

sent. "It was the fact that

they were all standing there

The occasion was a con-

ference called by President

Bill Clinton to draw invest-

ment into Northern Ireland

and the border counties to

cement the rare peace caused by the silencing of

IRA and Protestant "loyal-

Irish politics, a layman's

guide to a conflict that has

It was the who's who of

and talking together."

# Northern Ireland peace is Washington party talk

By Andrew Hill Reuter

DUBLIN - It was a muggy night in Washington when Ireland came together after seven decades of partition, 25 years of war, 3,200 deaths and one of the biggest peace time security opcrations since World War

Sweat flowed as easily as the wine and Guinness beer at a party in the Irish ambassador's residence. The guests eyed the small swimming pool in the garden with a barely concealed thirst to swim.

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Such events are common in the U.S. power capital.

But this was a remarkable evening. The guests represented every shade of political opinion in modern Ireland and they were talking to each other, something

they never do at home. It was the political dividend of 10 months of peace in Northern Ireland brought about by twin guerrilla ceasefires and an unprecedented international attempt to heal one of Europe's deepest scars through concerted diploma-

No deals were clinched. No grand plan was unveiled to bring about the new 'agreed Ireland", sought by Britain and Ireland, in

which Protestant and Catholic, Irish nationalist and pro-British unionist, could live together in

prosperous peace.
But it symbolised a willingness to talk, even if only above the clinking of glas-ses and the drive of an Irish reel band, brought about by the ceasefire of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which will be one year old next week.

That hot night, whether on the streets of Belfast recently cleared of British army troops or in the corridors of power in draughty Dublin, the talk, as in Washington, was of peace. "It wasn't the fact that

eluded many attempts at resolution but which the key peace-makers, Britain, Ireland and the United

ist" guns.

States, say now faces its best-ever chance of settle-

There were Northern Ireland Unionists, the diehard Protestant bastions of continued British rule of the province. There were Irish Republicans who dream of ending the seven-decade

old partition of the island. There were Irish government ministers such as Deputy Premier Dick Spring, one of the authors of the Anglo-Irish Downing Street declaration which launched the peace drive in Decem-ber 1993 and persuaded the gunmen to stop the killing.

There were even political representatives of the mur-

tried to force them to leave

Around 100,000 of the

young men in camps dotting

the shores of Lake Kivu in

eastern Zaire fled to the

hills when Zaire began its

forceful repatriation on

Aug. 19. Some 60,000 of these have since returned to

The Zaireans drove ab-

out 15,000 refugees back to

Rwanda before suspending

the operation. The UNHCR claims the retur-

nees have been treated well

and there is a pro-return

In Kashusha, the view is

very different. A man who

declined to be identified

spoke of returnees being

divided into groups of men,

women and children at the

border. He said the men were sentenced to prison or death

despite nothing proving guilt or innocence.

Clouds of dust hang over

Kashusha, a squalid and

smelly place. But residents

feel safe and have built a

have their cars and trucks.

from European videotapes

to watches and electronic

gadgets, offered for sale to

Senior civil servants in the former government still

Kashusha has everything

home away from home.

their camps.

kiest corners of the conflict, the Protestant gunmen who killed 900 Catholics in cold blood to terrorise the community from which the Irish Republican Army guerrillas

draw support. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political arm, sent its regrets. Its president, Gerry Adams, was hosting another function across town at which he was airing his views on how to move the peace towards his goal of ending British rule of the province.

But he had made his mark in Washington. Hours before he held a brief meeting with Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Maynew, an event unthinkable only months previously when London vilified Mr. Adams.

It was a moment rich in symbolism. Britain had insisted there could be no such meeting until the IRA started handing over the guns and bombs it used against British rule. But the London government changed its mind.

Northern Ireland's mainstream Unionist leadership collectively boycotted the Washington conference as a result, but sent delegates

nonetheless. They were there on that muggy night in Washington, even though they never come to Dublin.

So was David Ervine, head of the Progressive Unionist Party, which represents the views of the Ulster Volunteer Force, one of the two main Loyalist guerrilla groups — so-called because they are "loyal" to British

His pup has no seats in the London parliament yet. But Mr. Ervine says it represents the voice of Protestants weary of war and of a leadership still in place from decades ago whose war cry was and is "Ulster says no" — to anything but British rule.

"Where did it get us all? asks Mr. Ervine. "The Unionist leadership has been saying 'no' for years and all we've had is years of con-

It still says 'no'. It says no to attending an Irish forum for national peace and reconciliation which meets weekly in Dublin to test the views of every section of Irish society from farmers to Sinn Fein and the opposi-

tion Irish Fianna Fail party. It says 'no' to attending all-party talks to be convened by Britain and Ireland until the IRA and Loyalists disarm. It fears a sellout to Irish nationalism

under the guise of pease. But there is a feeling among British and Irish officials as well as those at the Washington party that Unionists will have to talk

if only to safeguard the British scatus they cherisia. The point of reference, is a new blueprint, called the framework document which Britain and Incland launched in Februs 17 to build on the peace and get the two neighbours to cooperate on the economic front to cement trust and

It is still on the table. awaiting; a forum in which it can be cliscussed.

Its fourth paragraph, which rnight have been hung ower the door of the Irish erribassy that night, said: "A climate of peace enables the process of heal-

ing to begin.
"Ever youe now has a role to play in moving irreversibly beyond the failures of the past and creating new relation ships capable of perpetuating peace with freedom and justice."

## Rwandan Hutu hardliners feel no guilt for genocide

By Manoah Esipisu Reuter

KASHUSHA CAMP. Zaire - The men of Kashusha camp say they oppose further ethnic bloodletting in their Rwandan homeland but they will not apologise for the slaughter of up to one million minority Tutsis and

moderate Hutus last year. Kashusha and the twin camp host about 100,000 ethnic Hutus, or one tenth of the Hutu refugees who fled to Zaire after the genocide and civil war.

But the camps host a special class of refugee. Many are from the Interahamwe militia that is blamed for the massacres or are former civil servants who fled when the Tutsidominated Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) won the war in July, 1994.

They know they will be key targets for reprisals if they go home, but they do not accept blame for what happened.

"Are we remorseful over so much blood lost, should we apologise? I do not think so. It was a war and in a war it is not one party that is guilty," said a university-trained agronomist in Kashusha called Ngendaha-

"Most refugees do not know who was involved in the massacres. It is impossible for everyone to have been involved, said Asman Gakusi, once a hotelier but now championing the cause of an organisation called Orerwa au Rwanda

A Zairean soldier keeps guard over Hutn refugees who were forced to evacute the refugee camps and return to Rwanda (AFP photo)



former government leaders or the Interahamwe militia are threatening and intimidating ordinary refugees to ensure that efforts at repat-

riation fail. Who is the killer? Inside the RPF aren't there people who have also killed and are waiking around Kig free?" asks a photocopied leaflet circulating in Kashusha.

"We do not want war in our country. We want peace. We have no regrets or feeling of guilt over what situation then.

'We can only be guaranteed security and peace if the current leaders in Kigali talk to us so we can discuss how to govern our country together," the notice

Zaire has suspended the forced expulsion of Hutu refugees it began one week ago. The U.N. refugee agency UNHCR is ready to take over a voluntary repatriation and claims many ordinary refugees are will-

ng.
But only about 200 of the one million refugees took up the offer on Friday, with many refugees backing their leaders' view that the Tutsi-dominated army in

less revenge on returnées. Foreign aid workers say the Interahamwe in Kashusha and Inera formed defence units last week to resist Zairean troops if they

visitors with dollars. One of the refugees is Chinese. The woman de-

clined to give her name but said she had trekked into exile with her Hutu husband, whom she married when he was studying in "I saw some of the kill-

ings, I saw the fighting. But it is not my country and I cannot justifiably say who was guilty and who was innocent.'

#### (Return to Rwanda). The group denies that Jordan, Israel discuss strategy

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Israel, which signed a peace treaty in October and are now seeking close economic -cooperation and coordination in developing some of the border areas. including the Jordan Rift

The meeting was attended by Omayya Touqan, a senior member of a Jordanian committee preparing for the MENA summit. Jordanian ambassador to Israel Marwan Muasher, Israeli Ambassador to Jordan Shimon Shamir, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Israeli embassy Yacov Rosen and Prime Ministry advisor Basam Awadallah as well as

other officials. "We discussed all issues of regional economic cooperation and matters related to the Amman economic summit," Dr. Khalaf told reporters after the two-anda-half-hour meeting, held over lunch at the Guest Palace in Amman.

"The three most important topics we discussed were regional projects, particularly projects that we will submit to the Amman summit. We also discussed the Amman summit and we discussed issues of interest to the region in the postpeace era."

"We have decided to give priorities to fast-track projects that the region needs and which could be implemented relatively speedily," said Dr. Khalaf, adding that both sides agreed to coordinate work on preparing for joint projects.

The minister said that almong the priority projects some of which are expected to be implemented in 1996 - were access roads and bridges across the River Jordan to connect Jordan

with the Palestinian territories as well as Israel. There are two bridges connecting Jordan with the West Bank and another linking the Jewish state with the Kingdom. In addition, a desert

crossing point -- Araba -- is also operational near Aqaba. However, the bridge and the southern crossing are not seen as adequate to accommodate the large volume of Israelis visiting Jordan every day and an expectedly high volume of cargo traffic between the two sides after they sign agreements on transport and trade.

Mr. Beilin said some projects were shortlisted for quick implementation, but he declined to discuss details. "The meeting was too short to review the costs involved," he told reporters

at the Guest Palace.

However, he said the talks covered the expansion of Aqaba airport to serve both countries, development of the Jordan Rift Valley and a \$3 billion plan to build a canal to link the Red Sea with the Dead Sea.

"What is more important," said Mr. Beilin, "we --Jordanians, Palestinians and Israelis -- will be able to plan together for the future. because we live here together and it will be a mistake for us to plan separately for the common future for all of us."

"We have found a common denominator," he said of his discussions with Dr. Khalaf. "The common denominator is very wide."

Jordan and Israel as well as the Palestinians have prepared a list of projects worth several billion dollars to be presented at the

Amman summit, expected to be attended by more than

1.500 government leaders. international businessmen and economic experts. All sides would be seeking financing for the projects. some of them to be shared by Jordan and Israel as well as the Palestinians.

As such, said Alon Liel, secretary-general of the Israeli ministry of economy and planning, Mr. Beilin and Dr. Khalaf agreed to hold a meeting with Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath in Bonn in October. "The idea is to create a Jordanian-Israeli-

Palestinian triangle for economic cooperation." Liel told the Jordan Times.

"We have developed a framework not only to go on and discuss projects, but also to discuss the roots -the economies of the three countries, the infrastructure, services, etc.," Mr. Liel said. "It was a very productive meeting."

"The two countries never sal down and planned" economic cooperation, said Mr. Liel. "We have attended many international forums but we never had a meeting between the two planning ministers."

In his comments to the press. Mr. Beilin also touched on Israel's negotiations with Syria and criticised Damascus for not accepting Israeli calls for behind-the-scene contacts to advance the peace process.

"I'm much less optimistic about the Syrian track" compared with the Palestinian track, he said "I believe that Israel went a very long way suggesting that our withdrawal (from Syria's Golan Heights) will be parallel to the extent of peace suggested by the Syria. Regretfully, until this moment there is no de-

cision from the Syrian side." "It is very difficult to , tell," he said in response to

a question when he expected Israel to make peace with Syria. "I would like to understand the Syrian position. As you know we have no other channels to the Syrians. We don't have political relations with the Syrians. There is no channel of communications between us and the Syrians, which makes our life more difficult.

Mr. Beilin agreed that the concept of regional cooperation would make better sense if Syria and Lebanon were to join the multilateral phase of the peace process. Both countries are staying away from that phase saying such discussions could wait until progress is made in the bilateral negotiations.

"I suggest that they decide to join us," said Mr. Beilin. "It is their decision. We would like them to join us. If they decide to join, like many other Arab countries, it will be to the benefit of all of us."

## Strikes on Serbs suspended

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Milosevic. The two met again

Friday. The airstrikes - the largest in NATO history seemed to be having the intended effect of limiting the Serbs' ability to wage war. Captain Trevor Murray.

chief of air operations at NATO's southern headquarters in Naples, said the alliance had flown 500 missions by Friday, and there were no new reports of antiaircraft fire.

Reflecting growing optimism among U.N. officials. spokesman Chris Vernon said: "We have completely suppressed in our opinion the ability of the Bosnian Serb heavy weapons to fire back into Sarajevo."

German warplanes were in

on Friday.

bian President Slobodan action Friday over Bosnia, marking the first German combat action since World War II Bonn gave only the barest

information about the mission, which was in support of the rapid reaction force in Bosnia-Herzegovina rather than part of the NATO air raids. The German tornados "re-

German defence ministry The announcement did not say exactly when the German Luftwaffe jets were in action, but other sources said it was

turned safely to the air base at Piacenza" in Italy, the

By coincidence, Friday was the 56th anniversary of the beginning of World War II in Europe, when Adolf Hitler's

troops, tanks and planes invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. The anniversary was marked quietly in some military cemeteries and churches in Germany.

The German planes were in the air also on Thursday but they were not called on because of "technical reasons" that the defence ministry did not explain

U.N. military sources in Sarajevo and Zagreb said Friday's targets included: A T-64 tank and an artillery piece near the southwestern city of Mostar, an anti-aircraft missile site near Sokolac in eastern Bosnia, a radar bunker near the eastern town of Foca, an ammunition dump southwest of the government enclave of Gorazde, and a road bridge at Miljeno, 10 kilometres southeast of

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Khaleej daily.

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the biggest smelter in the Middle East. Mr. Abdul Karim said the actual budget deficit was reduced to 28.7 million dinars (\$74.6 million) in the first half of 1995, from 46.7 million dinars (\$126.6 mi llion) in

the same period of 1994. An increase in exports and unchanged import value also created a trade sumplus of 64.8 million dinars (\$168.4 million) in the first half of 1995, when exports totalled 723 million dinars (\$1.92 bil-

The oil price rise in the first half also boosted Bahrain's crude earnings by 29 million dinars (\$75.4 million), the minister said without giving

figures on the total income. The projected growth in 1995 is lower than the 3.2 per cent GDP increase recorded in 1994, when Bahrain sharply boosted aluminum exports

Unlike the major Gulf oil producers, Bahrain relies more on income from non crude exports and the non-oil sector accounts for the bulk of its GDP.

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# Bahrain reports

#### to clear banned goods growth, soon mobilise the army. police and members of the lower ruling Baath Party for a crackdown on smuggling and traders dealing in banned deficit

The Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), in a decree signed by President in crude prices in the first half Saddam Hussein and published in Baghdad newspapeco, nomy and slaished the ers Friday, issued new directives to check the smuggling into neighbouring countries and to clear shop shelves of Ibrahim Abdul K arim said

goods banned in Iraq.
"The ministries of defence and interior, the General Directorate of Security, the General Comission of Customs and (Baath) Party organisations are authorised to seize property bound for smuggling and property ban-ned from circulation in the local market," said the RCC. the highest executive and leg-

islative body in Iraq. It is the second time in three years Iraq has attempted a crackdown on smugglers and traders dealing in banned items.

The list of banned foreign goods ranges from toys, com-puters, beer and spirits to chicken and baking powder. It also includes foreign confectionery, apples, bananas, whisky, cigarettes, perfumes, videos, watches.

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iranian

carpet exports, the country's

main source of hard currency

after oil, have dropped sharp-

ly amid tough new govern-

ment regulations on exports

The customs department

says \$400 million of carpets

were exported during the first

four months of the current

and currency exchange.

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq will cheese, vacuum cleaners. washers, clothes, shoes,

radios and cassette recorders. Iraqi traders were only allowed to deal in two kinds. of imported goods — basic foods which are exempt from customs duties, and a heavily-taxed special list of permitted spare parts and agricultural tools.

But as time passed, the authorities relaxed controls and a variety of foreign goods emerged in local market

Shops in smart areas in Baghdad are now loaded with foreign sweets, canned foods and beverages — real lux-uries for many hard-hit Iraqis, reeling under crippling U.N. trade sanctions imposed for Iraq's 1990 invasion

Imports of clothes and shoes are openly displayed in shops in several areas in Commented one trader in

the city's Karrada district: within 30 days most shelves in my shop will be empty. About 50 per cent of what you see falls within the category of banned items." The sinking dinar, which

now trading at about 2,000 to one U.S. dollar, has made Iraq a haven for smugglers. Under the new decree, to take effect in a month, a

committee will be formed in each province in Iraq to receive items that will be confiscated and hand them over to ministries. The RCC also

offered rewards to informers. Imported goods are expensive and beyond the reach ofmost Iraqis but the trader in Karrada said many in his neighbourhood had the ability to pay.

A pack of foreign cigarettes in Karrada was selling on Friday for about 600 dinars and a kilogramme of Jordanian spaghetti for

Most imports enter Iraq from either Jordan or Turkey through the Kurdish rebelheld territory. "For me it is the end of

another source of income," said a shop owner. At Sahata Al Tahrir in the heart of Baghdad thousands of people, many of them petty traders, crammed an open square, selling mostly house-

business. I will have to seek

hold belongings.
Abdul Hussein Abbas, squating under the shade of a high rise, had a radio, glasses, spoons and blankets for

"Who cares about honey. sweets, whisky or Pepsi Cola. We need flour, rice and

"This is a political issue,

not an economic one," said

another carpet merchant,

Hamidreza Dilmaghani.

want to listen to us."

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'The government doesn't

But an official of the state-

owned Iran carpet company

accused merchants of ex-

# Iraq gives traders deadline | Lend to poor, not rich, says banker

HUAIROU, China (R) — The world's banks should alter their lending policies radically to lend to the poor and not to the rich, the founder and director of the world's biggest bank for the poor said Friday.

The Grameen Bank of Bangladesh will make loans of \$500 million this year, averaging \$140 each, to its two million clients in 35.000 villages, 94 per cent of whom are women. Mohammad Yunus said.

He spoke at the credit corner of the non-governmental organisations Forum for Women, which opened Thursday in this suburb of Beijing, after attending a seminar on women and economic empowerment: Banking on the Poor.

The forum runs in parallel and hopes to influence the fourth U.N. Conference on Women, which opens Monday and has economic improvement of women as a

major theme. The Grameen Bank, established in 1983, has become a world model for alternative banking and was widely cited at the seminar by those who have established similar banks and credit institutions outside the financial mainstream.

The Grameen Bank targets the very poor, with starting loans as low as \$12-15 for items such as a sewing machine, materials to make baskets or to buy ducks or

"Our repayment rate is 98 per cent, against a recovery rate of 80 per cent for commercial loans, less than 25 per cent for farm loans and less than 30 per cent for housing loans in Bangladesh, said Mr. Yunus.

"This is because the poorest are very active, agile and work harder than the rich," he said. "It is a question of survival."

payers than men and are better agents of development because they are longersighted and spend money on improving the home or their children's education, while the men spend it on some-

thing today," he said. "It is a sad commentary that the world's finances are founded on the wrong principles — the more you have. the more you get. It should be that the less you have, the highest priority you have.

Participants at the seminar spoke of similar banks, such as the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Bank in the west Indian state of Gujarat that was founded in 1974 in the assets of 100,000 rupees (\$3,100) and which have now risen to 600 million (\$18.75 million), said SEWA official Namrata Bali.

Like Grameen, it targets women most of them illiterate, who cannot obtain a loan from a normal bank.

Mr. Bari said the repayment rate was 94 per cent. with women better savers than men, who spend money on themselves or things outside the home:

One SEWA client, vegetable seller Rahima Hafize Abdul Rehanmusa Dholk. said that prior to borrowing from the bank, she had borrowed 100 rupees (\$3) each morning from a trader to buy vegetables, paying back 110

(\$3.4) that evening.
After joining SEWA, she had been able to take out a loan of as much as 500 rupees (\$16) and put the profit into her business, Mr. Dholk told the seminar.

## South Korean foreign debt hits record \$70b

Korea's gross foreign debt was a record \$70.2 billion at the end of June due mainly to a ballooning current account deficit, the Bank of Korea

said Friday. Net foreign debt - total foreign debt minus overseas assets — stood at \$17.3 billion as of June, up 68 per cent or \$7.02 billion from the end of last year.

Bank officials said an aggravated current account deficit, and the extended payment period for imports on a deferred payment basis were responsible for the sharp rise in debt this year. A surge of overseas loans

by corporations to finance their facility expansion in tandem with the economic recovery was also blamed for swelling the debt, they said. Overseas assets expanded

SEOUL (AFP) - South January-to-June period to \$52.9 billion as of June, the central bank said.

Short-term foreign loans repayable within a year increased by \$9.24 billion from the end of last year to \$39.63 billion at the end of June. while long-term loans rose by

\$4.11 billion to \$30.56 billion. South Korea saw its total foreign debt fall between 1985 and 1989 to \$29.37 billion, thanks to currentaccount surpluses during the

But since then total foreign debt has steadily worsened to \$42.81 billion in 1992 and \$43.87 billion in 1993.

The central bank, however, said the nation's debt would shrink, given that the current account deficit and domestic firms' foreign loans are expected to decline in tandem with South Korea's by \$6.33 billion in the economic slowdown.

## Russia plans to streamline tax system

MOSCOW (AFP) - The Russian government plans to streamline the country's tax system from Jan. 1 by removing a dozen company taxes and limiting various regional taxes to ease the burden on

Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Shatalov told reporters the taxes to be lifted included the "special" tax for supporting farmers, which forms 1.5 per cent of value

added tax. In the first six months of this year police listed more than 12,000 new enterprises which were set up illegally without being registered with the tax authorities, compared

with 8,000 for the whole of

Mr. Shatalov described the current tax system as "vague, ; unstable and unpredictable. saying it put off investors and encouraged tax fraud, which has reached astronomical proportions, and could deprive the 1995 budget of 40 per cent of planned revenue.

The new tax code also restricts local authorities from imposing various regional Since 1994 Moscow has allowed regions the right to

impose their own taxes. About 100 new taxes. appeared, some of which are bizarre such as that imposed on cattle for passing through a village or the tax intended to fund a regional football

team," Mr. Shatalov said. He said the tax reforms would only affect companies; At the current rate, indi-viduals earning less than 10. million roubles (\$2,300) annually are liable to pay up; to 12 per cent income tax, while those earning between 10 and 50 million are liable for 20 per cent and those earning more than 50 million, are liable for 30 per cent.

#### HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR SATURDAY.

- SEPTEMBER 2, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You know how to improve exand get excellent results. Stay within your budget this evening or you will be short of money TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Add to important routines early in the day and accomplish a great deal. Show more understanding towards associates or there could be great problems. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Find out what your true financial status is this morning and do whatever is necessary to bring

more abundance. Perseverance pays off. Enjoy the company of a close friend this evening. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get an early start on important business matters so that you'll have time for recreation later. Pay vital bills that may

LEO: (July 22 to August 21)
Study personal aspects of your life and figure out the proper way to improve them this morning. Strive for increase happiness in your personal life.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Gain the cooperation of good friends for a personal interest you have in mind this morning. Obtain data you need from the right source for a current project.

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) Look to a higher up for support you need today in order to further your career. Take no risk where your personal health is concerned at this time. SCORPIO: (October 23 to -

November 21) Figure out a practical way that could give you added income in the future. Follow the advice of a financial expert and you will have more SAGITTARIUS: (November 22

to December 21) Be sure to keep promises made during this week. Sidestep one who has an eye on your assets or you will be left with a hole in your pocket. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) An associate who is upset may try to pressure you into something that is not to your liking this morning. Put your foot down and resist or trouble fol-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Attend to impor-tant duties early and show your efficiency in handling them. Show your increased loyalty to the one you love and benefits will

PISCES: (February 20 to March Investigating a new outlet now could be profitable to you in the future. Contact higher ups and gain everything you need for that special project.

Birthstone of September: Sapphire — Lapis Lazuli

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginion Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. NOTIX HUSE REPIME WHAT SHOULD A SMART SPEAKER TALK ABOUT? REVORF Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

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reached \$1.8 billion. koli. "We have worked for But many experts believe years to become number one sales are even lower, with carpet exporters claiming the trade has all but stopped because of measures introduced and Turkey." by the government in May

and imposed almost overnight.
The new regulations require carpet exporters to repatriate all their foreign earnings within six months and exchange their earnings at the state bank at the maximum official rate of 3,000 rivals to the dollar, 25 per

cent lower than the black market prices for back. "Even if all goes well, from

transportation costs to

#### Persian carpet exports fall sharply carpets are over-valued and demand further cuts in rates.

marketing, exporters will lose an average of 20 per cent," Assadollah Fazeli, a major carpet dealer, told AFP. "No one wants to export carpets under such circumstances. We have no choice but to

wait and see what happens.' Dozens of merchants participating in a carpet fair in Tehran this week echoed his

in the world only to lose it to carpet exporters from other countries like China, India Participants complained they had not even sold half as

fair, organised annually by. the government. "People just become here to look. There were hardly any exporters coming to visit," Mr. Tavakoli said.

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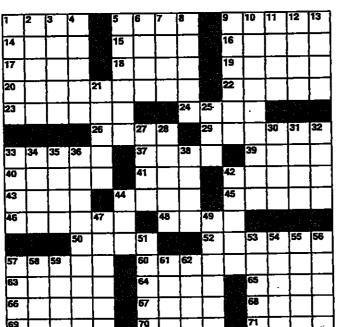
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# THE BETTER HALF, By Glasbergen GLASBERGEN

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#### THE Daily Crossword by Virginia B. Hopewell **ACFIOSS** 1 — row (derelicts) area) 5 College gp.

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### Deputy *hammers* government for seeking define and decline a decline a decline a higher sales tax

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OWEIDAH, a member of the Lower House's Financial Committee, expressed his opposition to increasing the rate of the sales tax and pointed out that when the government introduced the sales tax law last year it said that it was a substitute to the consumption tax. He said the government issued promises that under the sales tax prices would drop but the result was just the opposite as, according to the minister of finance, the treasury revenues surged by JD 65 million. Dr. Oweidah added that the government pledged to reconsider the salaries of employees in July of every year but the month lapsed not only by not giving them a pay raise but by demanding a hike in the sales tax. The deputy said the government was presenting a package of laws to reform the tax system and promote the investment climate and, accordingly, the treasury's revenues should grow by an amount sufficient to compensate the expected shortfall. Noting that he was in support of tax reform, he however accused the government of lowering the income tax on high and middleincome persons and switching the burden to all the classes through raising the sales tax rate. He proposed imposing a slightly higher income tax on a the better-off citizens to compensate for the requested rise in the sales tax. He also demanded higher tax on banks and insurance com-; ; ; panies (Al Dustour).

## THE AUDIT Bureau saved the treasury a total of JD 3,840,496 during the first six months of this year as a result of financial reviews conducted throughout the Kingdom. The Audit Bureau saved the treasury JD 1,438,706 during the month of June alone, according to the bureau's monthly report All Dustour).

> **☆☆ DURING THE discus**sions between the minister of finance and the secretarygenerals of government ministries and departments. the minister said that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was not requesting Jordan to devalue the dinar but, to the contrary, was insisting on taking a number of measures to retain its value. The minister denied there were any negotiations going on with the IMF to devalue the dinar (Al Dustour).

ਸਮੇ IT IS expected that the information office at the air-Fort will be reopened in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the society of tour and tourism agents and the hotels society. The move is to come in light of the increasing tourism activity in the Kingdom (Al Dustour).

\*\* THE AGRICULTU-RAL Credit Corporation (ACC) has opened two branches, the first in Qweismeh, south of Amman and the second in Aqaba.

The old and original office serving Amman was moved from the head office building to Wadi Al Seer area to look after the customers in western and northern Amman. With the opening of the branches the ACC has 19 branches throughout the Kingdom (Al Ra'i).

\*\* PRICES OF gravel at all crushers increased during the past two months by JD I per cubic metre as a result of moving the crushers out of the Greater Amman Municihality area. The owners of the crushers attribute the rise to low supply and claim the government wasn't giving them enough explosives (Al

## American expert highlights need for advanced technological telecommunications in Jordan

controlling interest in it.

If that indeed is the case.

Mr. Blakely said, there is an

obvious contradiction in the

very concept of free competi-

tion since the state-owned

firm would have an unfair

edge over all competitors by

virtue of its links with the

Throughout his 15 years of

experience in representing

a sense of "loss of control"

over the flow of information

as well as of loss of revenues.

better for governments to

allow the free flow of in-

formation by "recognising

the importance of informa-

tion." Mr. Blakely said,

adding that businesses were

the ultimate beneficiary from

up-to-date information. This

in turn means increased eco-

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Similarly, governments

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By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Hi-tech communication services are an essential component in any country's effort to invite foreign investments and the country should also be attuned to adopting the fast-developing technologies in communications since most investors are used to advanced services, an American expert has

Craig Blakely, an attorney at law specialised in representing telecommunication companies in the U.S. and elsewhere, also said governments should remove all restrictions on on-line information services since, in the long run, the flow of information would benefit businesses and thus contribute to economic growth.

One of the most important factors in influencing invest-ment decisions and the flow of foreign capital is the availability of advanced telecommunication services, particularly so for American companies which have grown increasing dependent on hitech facilities for their daily business, he said.

As far as Jordan is concerned, the Kingdom's expectations of foreign investments and efforts to invite capital should be coupled with quick moves to adapt its own telecommunication services to meet international demands along with other expected changes in economic laws and the investment cli-

mate in the country, he said. The expert's comments come at a time when Jordan is preparing for the Middle East and North Africa economic summit scheduled to be held in October. The summit is expected to attract over

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1,500 government leaders, international businessmen and economic experts, many of them who would be looking closely at the pros and cons of investments in Jordan, among them the availability of advanced telecommunication services.

Mr. Blakely, who plans to attend the summit, was speaking at an informal meeting with Jordanian journalists during a visit he paid to Jordan last week for "familiarising" himself with the situation in the Kingdom, the laws in effect and the status of telecommunications here. He also visited the Palestinian territories on a similar mis-

The advanced level of telecommunication services in the U.S., Mr. Blakely said. was a direct result of free competition. When companies vie for better shares of the market it is only natural that they continuously pursue advanced technologies and offer better services to customers, he noted.

In the context of Jordan. Mr. Blakely said, he was informed of the Telecommunications Corporation's (TCC) to "commercialise" its operations ahead of privatisation and open the door for competition. However, he said, competition between a state-owned entity and a private sector firm will not be healthy and fair.

Such competition is expected here during an interim period after the TCC commercialises its operations and moves towards privatisation. A clear shape has not yet been given to the final shape of the entity, but the government is expected to retain

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Currency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTH
U.S. Dollar	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.68
Sterling Pound	6.50	6.50	6.62	6.68
Deutsche Mark	4.06	4_06	1.06	4.06
Swiss Franç	2.68	2.68	2.62	2-68
French Franc	5.56	5.56	5.56	5.56
Japanese Yen	0.65	0.55	0.52	0.58
European Currency Unit	5.56	5.56	5.56	5.62

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Gold	381.75	7.50	Silver	5.33	0.120

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Currency	Bid	Offer	
U.S. Dollar	0.7110	0.7130	
Sterling Pound	1.1012	1.1067	
Deutsche Mark	0.4830	0.4854	
Swim Franc	0.5882	0.5911	
French Franc	0.1405	0.1412	
Japanese Yen	0.7285	0.7321	
Dutch Guilder	0.4511	0.4333	
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Italian Lira	0.0438	0.0440	
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Bahraini Dinar	1.8720	1.8870		
Lebanese Lira	0.042680	0.043880		
Saudi Riyal	0.1893	0.1908		
Kunaiti Dinar	2.2950	2.3370		
Qutari Riyal	0.1941	0.1935		
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2180		
Omani Riyal	1.8427	1.8500		
UAE Dirham	0.1930	0.1941		
Greek Drachma	0.5810	0.3310		
Cyprint Pound	1.5560	1.6360		

### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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# Share prices drop at AFM but impact on index not heavy

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Fears of major slide in prices at the Amman stock exchange as a result of a strain ties with Iraq. Jordan's main trading partners, proved unfounded, but the market did take a beating last week, with medium-sized firms losing up to three per cent in share prices, brokers

telecommunications companies, the "biggest obsta-The official Amman Financle" to free competition is cial Market (AFM) index resistance to change," said showed a less than one per Mr. Blakely. When the govcent decline in prices, but the ernment is comfortable with brokers said the losses could existing arrangements and not be reflected in the index system, then it resists changes since.most of the companies because of the uncertainty whose shares slipped were over what those changes not among the 60 major firms which form the basis for the Another impeding factor is main market indicator.

Turnover for the week re-

3.9 million dinars compared with the previous week's 3.8 million dinars. The weekly AFM report said 1.9 million shares changed hands under 3,057 contracts during the trading week ending Thurs-

The official AFM index closed at 155 points, reflecting an insignificant 0.1 point or 0.1 per cent decline during the week. But, as brokers pointed out, the basis for the index are 60 blue chips, which held largely steady during the week.

"The actual slip in prices would be between two and three per cent when you consider the value of stocks of companies not included in the index," said a broker, who like other AFM dealers, cannot be identified under market guidellines.

Separate sectoral indices mained largely unchanged at showed that services stock slipped by 1.8 per cent, in-dustrials by 1.2 per cent, insurance shares by 1.6 per cent and commercial banks by 0.7 per cent.

Commercial banks and financial institutions accounted for 36 per cent of the weekly turnover with 1.42 million dinars, followed by industrials with 1.4 million dinars, the services sector with 750,000 dinars and insurance firms with 320,000

The AFM report said stock of 86 companies from among the 120 listed in the market were involved in this week's trading. As business closed for the week, 11 of them had gained, 66 had slipped and nine remained unchanged.

'The market is still very much uncertain over trade relations with Iraq, and a wait-and-see approach adopted by most speculators

was largely behind the re-latively low losses this week," said a dealer. "Expectations were that the market would have seen a major slide, but the pointed comments by the King that he would not close Jordan's borders with Iraq or suspend economic and trade links with Iraq appeared to have helped a lot in checking

Iraq brought about 250 million dinars worth of Jordanian products last year, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of the Kingdom's exports excluding phosphates and potash. Hundreds of companies depend solely on the Iraqi market.

According to Amman Chamber of Industry figures, Jordanian exports to Iraq between Jan. 1 and Aug. 22 this year totalled 260 million di-

## Companies see gain by putting profits back in Saudi Arabia

pumping \$300-\$400 million from a \$4.1 billion telephone contract in Saudi Arabia back into the kingdom, and likes what it is getting from its

investment. "To us it makes good business sense" to help develop a telecommuncations industry to meet Saudi domestic needs, said Bob Wyatt of

DUBAI (R) - ATT is ATT Corp., the American telecommunications giant.

ATT is the first firm to turn around some of its revenues from an ordinary commercial deal in the Middle Eastern kingdom to help build up the technological, industrial and commercial base that Saudi Arabia sees as vital to its future when the oil wells start

to run dry. The "you rub my back and I'll rub yours" deals whereby companies that win big contracts in Saudi Arabia agree to plough some of the profits back into the kingdom are called offset projects.

Such projects have been a requirement for about a decade for Saudi Arabia's immense military contracts worth some \$30 billion from now to the end of the century – but they are only now coming into play in the commercial sphere.

"It is my understanding that there is a plan to eventually require offset for all government procurement," said a senior Western executive in Rivadh.

Encouraged by the kingdom's improving finances and economic reforms, decade-old proposals to

offset Riyadh's tens of billion of dollars worth of arms deals mainly with Britain, the United States and France are being revived as part of plans to set up aerospace, telecommunication and other high-

tech industries. Companies on the commercial side also see green fields. We are quite pleased with

experience in the field of set... in our area of interest, the Saudi market can absorb what we have in mind with potential to export to the region," said ATT's. Wyatt, whose firm won in July another \$500 million deal for a 300,000-subscriber mobile phone system in the kingdom.

ATT formed a 50-50 joint venture company recently with Riyadh-based software firm International Systems Engineering. The new firm is expected to be awarded subcontracts worth \$170 million to develop specialised soft-ware for the ATT expansion.

Saudi Arabia, expecting a deficit-free 1995 after years of huge shortfalls due to weak oil prices, said in its 1995-2000 development plan released in July that it would expand the offset programme to include large non-military projects.

During the plan years, Riyadh is due to conclude many major deals for multimillion-dollar power plants. nfrastructure work and a \$7 billion contract to buy 61 commercial aircraft from Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Details have not been announced, but experts say firms may be obliged to reinvest 35 per cent of the value of the imported component of a civilian project for deals above 100 million rivals (\$26.6 million).

The five-year plan places strong emphasis on economic reforms like privatising some state holdings once considered strategic and granting the private sector a greater role in diversifying the oildominated economy.

While several successful projects have sprung from the military offset programme, others faced delays and in some cases reluctance by foreign partners to get involved in what appeared to be "white elephants," ex-

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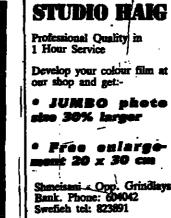
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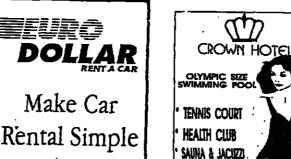
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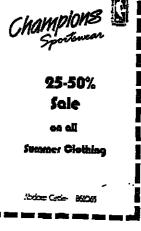


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## U.S. Open

# Agassi struggles to victory; Medvedev crashes to unranked Sargisian

NEW YORK (AFP) World number one Andre Agassi struggled through a horrendous second-round showing at the U.S. Open here Thursday, barely avert-ing one of the most stunning upsets in tennis history.

The reigning U.S. and Au-

stralian Open champion overcame 67 unforced errors to defeat Spain's Alex Corretja 5-7, 6-3, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2. Agassi barely beat 28thranked righthander who had gone 0-4 on hardcourts this year and 0-3 at the Open until this week.

"He got on top of me early, got the confidence and I'm not playing by best tennis and you know you're in for a

long night," Agassi said.
"Nothing is going to keep
me from winning the championship. Meanwhile Sargis Sargi-sian, the unranked Armenian

who was invited to compete at the United States Open after winning the NCAA University title, came back from being two sets down to upset sixteenth seed Andrei Medevedev of the Ukraine. Sargisian, the Open's first Armenian player, ousted former Soviet Union rival Medvedev 1-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, spoiling the Ukraine's 21st birthday.

Sargisian will now play American Jared Palmer in the third round.

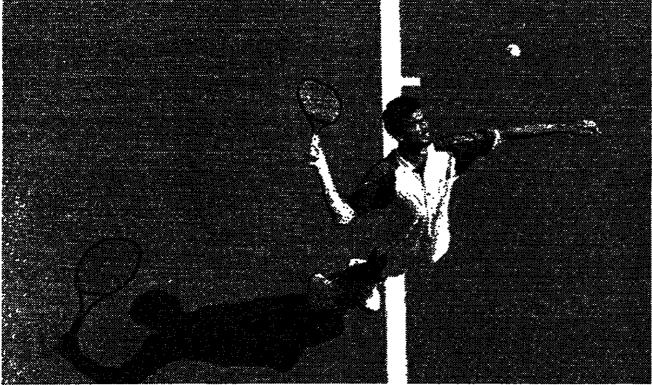
Agassi won his 22nd consecutive match, one shy of his longest career streak, despite failing on 17 the 27 break opportunities before a frenzied crowd of nearly 20,000 at the \$9.86 million Grand Slam

Corretja, whose only ATP title in four seasons came last year in Buenos Aires, was cramping throughout the final two sets and needed treatment after the match.

But he nearly sent Agassi packing. No top seed had been ousted this early since Stefan Edberg lost his 1990 opener to Alexander Volkov. No defending champion had gone out so fast since Edberg lost in the second round in

So what should be Agassi's reward for surviving his mistake-filled match but a

central heating unit.



Eleventh seed Sergi Bruguera, from Spain serves to opponent Daniel Vacek, from the Czech Republic during

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restore his missing form.

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in the fourth set.

The real Agassi awakened

Symbolic of his turnaround

Dair Ghbar and Rabieh.

was a baseline winner Agassi

third-round showdown against Edberg, the former number one from Sweden who is 3-5 against Agassi. The two have never met in a

Grand Slam event.
"We've had some battles," Agassi said. "It should be a great match."

Agassi double faulted on Corretja's first break point of the fifth set to fall behind 2-0. but took command from there to raise his record in five-set matches to 8-11. You can't look at the re-

cord," Agassi said. "Over the past year. I have been a different player. The Agassi who won here

last year and replaced Pete Sampras atop the ATP rankings was very different from the Agassi who played Corretja.
In the first set, Corretja

saved three break points in the seventh game and both players held serve until Agassi double fautled on Corretja's first set point. Agassi committed 21 unforced errors in the set.

The two then battled

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their 2nd round U.S. Open match in New York on Thursday (Reuters photo)

through mine deuces in the the crowd was so loud," first game of the second set Agassi said. "It was like a before Agassi missed an rock concert. That's what I overhead smash to let Corretwill always remember about this match long after my "Do you know how had I career is over.

have to play for him to get away with this (stuff)?" Agassi yelled in the seond Two-time Open winner Edberg, unseeded here for the first time since 1984, beat Canadian qualifier Daniel Nestor 6-1, 7-6, (7/4), 2-6, 6-1. Edberg, ranked 19th, has lost five of eight career meet-Curses came more and more often, as if Agassi thought they might somehow

ings with Agassi.
"For me, it's a great chal-Two more unforced errors' lenge playing the best player in the world here at the cost Agassi a break in the opening game of the third Open, where the atmosphere will be great," Edberg said.
"I'm looking forward to it.
I really haven't got anything set. He answered with a break in the 10th game, but Corretja broke back to win the set on errant Agassi volleys. He had 55 unforced

to lose. I can be relaxed. Agassi beat Edberg 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, in the Washington ATP final six weeks ago for the first of his four hardcourt crowns in Open tune-ups.

"It was a close match smashed over his left shoulder while running away from either of us could have won, Edberg said. "He is in a position I have been in for some years. He is supposed to win. He will feel a little bit the net. Agassi took a bow while the crowd roared after the stunning shot in the final game of the fourth set. "My ears started ringing of the pressure, that's for

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Edberg's position is similar to that endured last year by Agassi, who was unseeded here after a slump but won

the little. "It's a tough position to find yourself in, but it's not the end of the world," Edberg said. "It's similar (to Agassi last year). That makes you believe there is always a way back.'

Monica Seles knows that path. Playing her first Grand Slam since being stabbed in 1993, she beat American Erika De Lone 6-2, 6-1 in 58 minutes.

"It was a good match," Seles said. -

"There were four or five break points and I had to work hard to win every point. I was trying to concentrate and trying to relax out

Seles is 8-0 since her 27month layoff and has won 16 straight U.S. Open and Grand Slam matches, Her next opponent is 28th-ranked Yone Kamio of Japan, hoping for more than a cameo after beating Marianne Werdel Witmeyer 6-2, 6-7 (0/7),

Monica," Kamion said. "She is very strong but a little bit | person he fights.

Embassy.

Royal Jordanian Equestrian Tournament. Sweden's Jens Fredrickson came in second and Jordan's Shireen Al Rasekh finished The competition was held at the Arabian Horse Club under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein, president of the Jordan Equestrian Federa-

> In the 115 centimetre hurdle Amra Competition Shadi Ghreib of Syria took first and second places on two different mounts while

Peder Fredrickson of Sweden came in third,

Jordan's Hani Bisharat goes over a hurdle

while Syria's Siham Eseili receives her trophy

By Aleen Bannayan

and Mune'm Fakhoury

AMMAN — Syria's Khaled Abu Asali Friday

concluded his participation on a high note by

winning the Grand Prix of the 2nd annual

in RJ Equestrian Tournament Jordan's Ibrahim Bisharat was fourth and teammate Suzan Al Bakhit fifth.

from Her Royal Highness Princess Alia (Photo

In the beat-the-clock 120 centimetre hurdle Dead Sea Competition Lebanon's Siham Eseili was first, Jordan's Hani Bisharat second, Syria's Aziz Mousa third, teammate Shadi Ghreib fourth and Jordan's Hani Bisharat fifth.

Earlier in the competition, Syria's Aziz Mousa won the Petra Award for the 110 centimetre hurdles and the Salt Award for recording the fastest time in covering the 120 centimetre hurdle track. Jordan's Hani Bisharat won the Wadi Rum Award for the 130 centimetre hurdles.

Over 50 participants from France, Holland, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Sweden and Jordan took part in the three-day competition.

## Al Wihdat lose to Iraqi champions

Syria's Asali wins Grand Prix

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's Premier League soccer champions Al Wihdat Friday lost 3-1 to Iraqi champions Al Zawra' in the first round match of the Asian Clubs Championship. The second leg match will be played next Thursday in the Iraqi capital.

Al Wihdat took an early lead by new recruit Munir Abu Hantash but Al Zawra' quickly equalised and scored another two goals to seal their win and almost secure qualification as they will be playing among their home fans in their upcoming match.

## McCall aims for Tyson after Bruno

LONDON (AP) — It looks all too easy for Oliver McCall.

All he has to do is add his name to the list of world champions who have knocked out Frank Bruno and then look forward to a \$100 million showdown with Mike

Tyson next spring.
"When I win this fight,
Tyson is the No. 1 contender and I want Tyson." said McCall, who defends his WBC title against Bruno Saturday at Wembley Sta-

He then plans to unify the title by winning the WBO. WBA and IBF crowns and the champion said he would be ashamed if he let Bruno

spoil all that.
All he's going to do is make me look bad to have lost to someone with such low fighting skills," McCall said. "Realistically, if he had his way and could say that he

beat Oliver McCall, what's

he going to get out of it? I know now that he's going to "I'm very excited to play get knocked out by the next Bruno, knocked out by

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"How much is that?" the Tim Witherspoon in 1986. champion asked as he step-Tyson in '89 and Lennox ped off the scales. Lewis in '93, believes this is "A stone? Why should I be his best chance.

"It's a miracle I'm even getting this chance. It's another miracle that McCall has come to London," said the 33-year-old Briton, who has knocked out 38 of the 39 fighters he has beaten. "It would be a sin to waste mira-

Bruno has a big weight advantage over McCall. a sledgehammer right hand and he knows few people inside the stadium will be rooting for the American.

"I'm stronger, fitter, older, calm and collected, more focused than ever," he said. McCall reckons he will be easier to hit, too.

Bruno has gained a reputa-

tion in boxing as having no

natural defences after he's been hit hard. Once he'd been hit by Witherspoon. Tyson and Lewis, he stayed there, as if waiting to be hit again. "I'm going to punch until he falls," McCall said. "When the bell rings I am

going at that man and he had better have something to stop me or he's gonna be flat on his back." At Thursday's weigh in Bruno was 247 pounds, 10 ounces (112.322 kgs), while

McCall tipped the scales at 234 pounds, 12 ounces (106.482 kgs). The Brits, who call 14 pounds a stone, made a big thing about the difference in

weight with Bruno repeating:
"One stone. Oliver. one stone.

McCall was puzzled.

#### WBA light-heavyweight champion Virgil Hill makes a mandatory defence against Malawi-born Drake Thadzi of Canada. Swiss miss

champion Steve Little.

worried about a stone? These

are the stones that can over-

come any stones," he said.

On the same card. Nigel

Benn makes the eighth de-fence of his WBC super-

middleweight title, facing

Danny Ray Perez, a late re-

placement for former WBA

raising up his two fists.

fear of burnout

has no

NEW YORK (AFP) -While most children her age are playing in schoolyards. 14-vear-old Martina Hingis finds herself battling the world's top tennis players at the U.S. Open without fear of burnout.

"Others have started at 13 and 14. I'm nothing special, nothing different, Hingis said. "I'm just doing what a lot of other people have done before.

Hingis advanced to the third round here with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over eighth seed Magdalena Maleeva. She is the ninth girl to play in the U.S. Open before her 15th birthday, which for Hingis arrives September

30.

The WTA Tour's youngest player does not fear she will follow Jennifer Capriati's troubled example of a top player who fell into personal problems and was off the circuit by age 18. "I'm martina Hingis, not Jennifer Capriati," the Swiss miss said. "I'm from Europe, not the United States. It's not the same family. There just hasn't been the same kind of

'theatre' around me as there was around Capriati." Hingis became the youngest junior champion ever at a Grand Slam event last year when she won at the French Open. She also won the Wimbledon junior crown and reached the U.S.

Open junior final. "Not so much has changed, except I was play-ing the 200th ranked player and now I am playing num-ber eight." Hingis said. "My game has improved and now I feel I have a chance against anyone in

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## Barcelona foreign legion take up their posts

MADRID (AFP) -- Barcelona enter a new era on Sunday with an influx of foreign players to counter the threat of reinforced champions Real Madrid and Spanish "nearlymen" Deportivo La Corona.

A totla of \$100 million changed hands in player transfers in the close-season with Barcelona the biggest spenders, splashing out \$13

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Robert Prosinecki, Meho Kodro and Gheorghe Popescu are the new recruits at Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium to replace Hristo Stoickhov. Romario, Ronald Koeman and Russian Igor Korneyev.

Only Romania's Gheorghe Hagi, plagued by injury last year following a superb World Cup, is still there for their opening match on Sun-day at Real Valladolid. And what does coach

boys?
On Croatian midfielder
Proseckt, Cruyff said: "He had a lot ofo success while he was young and he is going to prove he is not finished. The most important thing is the

Iohan Cruyff think of his

example he gives to the Kodro, of Bosnia-

Herzegovina, will be their no frills, out-and-out goal scor-

"Kodro's philosophy can be summed up 'a goal is a goal,' I totally agree with that," Cryuff added.

And Romanian Popescu will be entrusted with a Koemanesque role in defence. "He has excellent defensive positioning, and often moves forward to help the strikers. People will love him," Cryuff added.

rid have an easy first match at promoted neighbours Rayo Vallecano.

Deportivo La Corona, with no trophy in their club's history but second the last two seasons, have the ambition under new Welsh coach John Toshack to trouble the Barcelona/Real Madrid monpoly - Athletic Bilbao in 1984 were the last other

club to become champions. World champion Brazilian Bebeto has signed a contract

#### SPANISH SOCCER

Despite the financial crisis of reigning champions Real Madrid, they still found the money to strengthen their

Eager to make certain they were not one-season wonders, coach Jorge Valdano re-signed Argentinian marksman Juan Esnaider from European Cup Winners' Cup champions Real Zaragoza for 600 million pesetas (\$5 million), three times what they

sold him for a year earlier. Colombian Freddy Rincon was also drafted in should fading powers of midfielder Michel force restructuring in the middle of the park. Mad-

till 1997, and Toshack has brought in Russian Dmitri Radchenko and Serb Branko Milanovic. Toshack has also brought Spaniards from the big two clubs — Aitor Beguiristain from Barcelona, and Rafael Martin Vazquez from Real Madrid.

Deportivo host Valencia in thier first fixture on Saturday and it will be interesting to see if they can confirm pre-

After beating Real Madrid 5-1 on aggregate in the Spanish Super Cup they thrashed German league leaders Bayern Munich 7-0 in a



Toronto Blue Jays designated hitter Paul Wednesday. Molitor attempted to score Molitor is tagged out at home plate by from third base on a fly ball to center field Cleveland Indians catcher Tony Pena by teammate John Olerud (Reuters during third inning action in Cleveland on photo)

### Chinese swimmers test negative

BEIJING (AFP) - Swimming authorities said here Friday that 13 Chinese swimmers, including former world champions, had tested negative for performance-

enhancing drugs.
The International Swimming Federation (FINA) conducted the tests between March 9 and June 26 on the swimmers, who included Le Jingy, Dai Gudohong, Liu Limin and He Cihong, Xinhua quoted swimming chief Guo Qinglong as

saying.
China first came under scrutiny after its swimmers carried off 12 of the 16 gold medals on offer at the World Championships in Rome last

Scandal broke out several weeks later when 11 Chinese athletes — including swimemrs Lu Bin and Yang Aihua - tested positive for dope at the Asian Games. FINA launched an invesligation in March, but cleared Chinese sporting authorities of blame, as well as refuting allegations of systematic and

organised doping. Meanwhile, the Beijing Municipal Sports Commission has introduced stiffer penalties for those found to have taken drugs, the Sports

Daily reported on Friday. The commission director, Wang Jingqing, announced tha sports clubs and trainers could now be fined for doping, and not just the athletes,

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## Oman receive Asian soccer award

KUALA LUMPUR (R) Oman's national youth team took two of the Asian Football Confederation's (AFC) top monthly awards on Friday based on a giantkilling performance in the recent FIFA Under-17 World Championships in Ecuador.

Oman won the AFC's team of the month award for August and Omani midfielder Mohamed Amor Ab Kathiri was named player of the month, the 44member regional governing body announced.

The coach of the month award was presented to South Korean Kim Kang-Nam, who steered his side to a sixth title at the Asian Schools Championships held recently in Brunei.

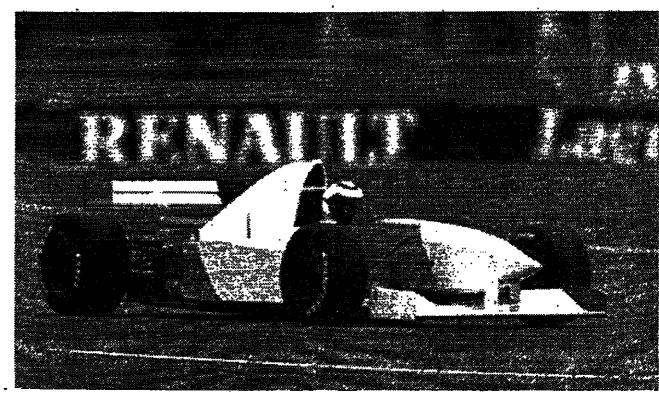
The Omanis stunned world football with their swift passage to the semifinals of the FIFA tournament, beating Canada, Germany and defending champions Nigeria and

drawing with Brazil.

The team lost 3-1 to eventual champions Ghana in the semifinals.

"The young Omani players were a credit to their country and to Asian football, both on and off the field," said the AFC award citation.

Al Kathiri, 16, was named FIFA's player of the tournament, with a quarter of the votes cast, after finishing second among the goalscorers with five goals in six matches.



Four times world champion Alain Prost drives during a test session for McLaren at Silverstone August 31. The test was Prost's first in a Formula One car since the death of his

closest rival Ayrton Senna in the 1994 San Maripo Grand

## Berger to leave Ferrari in 1996

LONDON (R) — Austrian veteran Gerhard Berger will leave Ferrari at the end of this year and join Frenchman Jean Alesi in an all-new driving line-up at Benetton next season. Benetton said on Friday.

Benetton said Berger, 36 last Sunday, had signed a two-year

Berger and Alesi replace defending world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany and Johnny Herbert of

Schumacher is switching teams to join Ferrari while Herbert, winner of this year's British Grand Prix, is currently without a drive for 1996. He may join the Swiss Sauber-Ford team if German Heinz-Harald Frentzen leaves.

Berger said: "It was not an easy decision to part with Ferrari after the good times I've had at Maranello. However, Benetton Formula has shown incredible performance during the last few years and has offered me the most competitive

package which I believe will allow me to win races next season. "I am also looking forward to the relaxed approach which everyone enjoys at Benetton and to teaming up again with my friend Jean.

Benetton chief Flavio Briatore said: "We are delighted to see Gerhard back with us. He won his first Grand Prix with Benetton in 1986 and we wish him many more wins next

Berger is the most experienced driver in Formula One motor racing this season. He has driven in 174 Grands Prix and will celebrate his

175th race appearance in next weekend's Italian Grand Prix,

Ferrari's home race, which will witness an emotional farewell for him and Alesi from their Italian fans.

Berger has won nine races and claimed 11 pole positions. including one at last Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix, clocking the fastest race lap on 17 occasions in a colourful career. His departure from Ferrari was a surprise to many Formula

years in two spells since 1987, split by three years with McLaren when he drove alongside the late Ayrton Senna. But Berger made it clear in recent weeks he did not wish to remain at ferrari to be a number two driver to Schumacher. whose arrival at Maranello signals he will be the central force in the team next year.

One observers as he had been with the Italian team for six

The two had a running war of words in the German and Austrian press last week and also fell out earlier this year after the Brazilian Grand Prix when Schumacher was disqualified, but later reinstated, after using irregular fuel to win.

Several drivers, including four Britons, are now in search of vacancies and will be contenders for the seat at Ferrari vacated

These include Briton David Coulthard, who will be replaced Williams next year by Canadian Jacques Villeneuve, Herbert, Martin Brundle, who is currently with Ligier but is known to be popular with Schumacher as a team mate, Mark Blundell, whose future with McLaren has been obscured by the recent test sessions undertaken by former world champion Alain Prost of France, and Frentzen.

The McLaren line-up has also to be finalised and two vacancies appear to exist in their proposed three-man line-up alongside Finland's Mika Hakkinen.

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EAST SOUTH WEST Page 2 Page Page 2 NORTE What do you bid now? wast co you son now?

A - Partner's bid of three clubs asks
you for help in that suit to hid
game. You could hardly have a better holding (or hand, for that matter), so to hid anything less than
four spades would be a dereliction
of day.

Penames What action do you take? A - What started out as a most promising hand has just fallen apar. With partner short in spades fut long in hearts, your chances for game are practically nil. Since you are going to take four or five tricks in your own hand, pass and hope the penalty will be substantial.

Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you 7 0652 OKQ108 AAK763
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
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What action do you take?

A - This is close. In theory, the hand is worth a try and, opposite a reliable paramer, we would invite with five spades. At rubber bridge with a partner whose proclivities

are unknown, we would take the aure profit by passing four spades Q.6 - Both vulnerable, as South you

AAQ63 VAQ87 072 4K95 The bidding has proceeded:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
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Pass : What action do you take?

A - Partner's simple response shows 8 points or fewer. Your hand has no body so, even if partner is maxi-mum, game will be a touch-and-go affair. To cater to all those hands where partner has a less-than-opti mum holding, we would show a minimum double now by passing.

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neist on game with this bolding To make sure portner doesn't stop thort, first cue-bid two clubs then show your spudes at your second turn. Naturally, you plan to intro-duce bearts next.

Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you \*Q6 QE \$5 0QJ4 \*\* QJ63

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What do you hid now? A - You have a sound minimum opening bid, but are not good enough to wax enthusiastic yet. Your choices are one no trump or two clubs. We think it more impor-tant to show a balanced hand with a stopper in the enemy suit than to rehid a good five-card minor. Bid

Q. S - Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ▲18978 VŠ43 OAŠ7 ♣KJ9

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## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### U.S. navy impounds tanker with Iraqi oil

BAHRAIN (AP) - U.S. Navy ships enforcing a U.N. embargo of Iraq have impounded a tanker suspected of trying to smuggle Iraqi oil, a spokesman said Friday. T. McCreary, spokesman of the U.S. Navy's fifth fleet, said the Saint Vincent-flagged Fair Sky was "turned over to a friendly nation in the region, which will determine its disposition along with the U.N. sanctions committee." He did not name the country to which the vessel had been diverted on its original destination. Commander McCreary diverted, or its original destination. Commander McCreary said the Fair Sky "came out of Iraqi waters and was believed to be carrying Iraqi diesel," when it was intercepted by U.S. navy sailors in mid-August. He said the navy had gathered "substantial evidence" that the tanker was carrying Iraqi oil before impounding it. There are fewer ships trying to bust the sanctions because of strict enforcement by the multinational U.N. maritime interception operation, said spokesman McCreary, whose fleet is part of that team. He said the Fair Sky was the first ship caught since May. "Last October we caught seven," he

#### Conflicting court rulings on 'The Emigrant'

CAIRO (AP) — Two courts have issued conflicting rulings on the controversial film "the Emigrant" in cases that have come to symbolise the tug-of-war over freedom of expression in Egypt. One Cairo court ruled late Thursday that the film by Egyptian director Yousef Shahin should be banned. overturning a previous ruling that allowed the movie to be played in local theatres. A second court tossed out another case calling for a ban, saying it was up to the Ministry of Culture to decide if the film can be shown. The rulings are largely academic, since the film has finished its run in Cairo. But they could affect future showings as well as video cassette sales. "The Emigrant" tells the story of Ram, whose brothers drive him into exile. He travels to Egypt to learn agriculture, but gets entangled in the intrigue of a pharaonic household before he returns home. Conservative Muslims and Christians charged that the film depicted the life of the biblical Joseph and was an affront to their religious beliefs. Mr. Shahin denis this.

#### Bomb explodes in Istanbul, injuring waiter

ISTANBUL (AP) - A bomb placed under a table in a restaurant here exploded early Friday after closing time and injured a waiter, police said. The bomb went off in the restaurant in a low-income neighbourhood at around 2:45 a.m., shattering windows and damaging tables and chairs, the police said. A 13-year old waiter who slept in the restaurant was lightly injured. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. But various underground groups, including Kurdish guerrillas, leftist groups and Islamic militants have been active in this metropolis of 12 million for years.

#### **Watchdog slams attack on Lebanon press freedom**

BEIRUT (AFP) - An international watchdog has slammed prison sentences imposed on three journalists by a Lebanese court, saying they posed a threat to press freedom in the country. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) also said the sentences passed in June against Hassan Sabra, Ghazi Al Maqbur and Yusef Howayek were a violation of human rights. Mr. Sabra and Mr. Maqhur, the publisher and managing director of the pro-Syrian As Shiraa magazine, were sentenced to one month in prison each on June 28 by the publications court. They were accused of publishing on Nov. 25, 1991 an editorial called "Reform or Resign" which the court said was damaging to the head of state. Both have appealed and have not yet been jailed. Mr. Howayek of the opposition Al Diyar newspaper was sentenced three months on June 26 when the court found he had slandered a member of the parliament by suggesting he was involved in drug traffick-

#### 'Very fruitful' talks between Manila and Musa

DURBAN (AFP) - South African President Nelson Mandela on Friday described as "very fruitful" talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa at King's House, the president's official residence in the port city of Durban. Mr. Mandela said Egypt was noted as one of the most important countries in Africa and one with which South Africa aimed to maintain good bilateral relations. It is in South Africa's "interests" to keep a consolidated relation with the Egyptians "because they have the advantage of moving in the three important circles: the African, Muslim and Arab worlds." "Undoubtedly a country like that is of importance to the entire continent of Africa." South African Foreign Affairs Minister Alfred Nzo, who attended the meeting, said he was travelling to the Middle East later this month to observe the second round of the Isralei-Palestinian peace talks, in which Cairo has played an

#### Algerian, Portuguese win Qadhafi prize

PARIS (R) - Former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella and Portugal's ex-President Francisco Da Costa Gomes have received the "Qadhafi" Prize for Human Rights in Libya's capital Tripoli, the official Libyan news agency JANA said on Friday. JANA said Mr. Ben Bella and Da Costa Gomes received the prize at a ceremony to mark the 26th anniversary of Colonel Qadhafi's accession to power. The agency said Mr. Ben Bella, 79, got the prize for his role in Algeria's independence fight against France, and Mr. Da Costa Gomes, 81, for his role in overthrowing Portugal's military dictatorship in 1974. The prize is worth

#### Cyprus loses world-renowned healer

NICOSIA (AFP) - The Magus of Strovolos, spiritual healer Stelios Atteshlis who attracted followers from around the world, has died of a brain haemorrhage at the age of 82. Also known as Daskalos (teacher in Greek), he held classes in the Strovolus suburb of the Cypriot capital twice a week and healing sessions on Thursday. His courses were attended by groups from Switzerland and from as far afield as South America, but Daskalos never accepted money for his classes nor sought publicity. He preached a mixture of Christianity and eastern mysticism, with a strong emphasis on reincarnation. Daskalos' teachings will live on in the videos and tapes made of the sessions in the back garden of a Strovolos house, as well as in the work of his daughter. Atteshlis, whether you believed in his powers or not, was "one of the island's most fascinating personalities," said an old friend, journalist Andreas Hadjipapas. The retired civil servant and former friend of the island's political and religious leader Archbishop Makarios had been in a coma for several months and died last Sunday. The book "The Magus of Strovolos," by Kyriakos Mar-kides, spread his reputation around the world.

#### 3 Pakistanis beheaded in Mecca

RIYADH (AP) - Three Pakistani men convicted of heroin trafficking were executed Friday in Mecca, the state-run Saudi radio reported. Executions are usually carried out at a public square near a mosque after midday prayers. But in recent months, they have been also taking place on other days as well amid a sharp increase in the number of beheadings that has raised protests from human rights organisations. Last month Turkey protested the execution of four Turks for drug smuggling and appealed for elemency for some 20 others awaiting execution. The Saudis have indicated they will continue their policy of beheading narcotics traffickers. Some 140 people, mostly Asian and African drug smugglers, have been heheaded so far this year in Saudi Arabia. That is about three times the numebr executed in all of 1994.



Rescuers view the wreckage of a booby-trapped vehicle that went off in the crowed Ounouri Square in Algeria's Bab Al Oueld neighborhood on

## Assad cannot be scared into peace — Mubarak

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel must not try to pressure Syria into concessions in Mideast peace talks by raising the "spectre" of a hardliners' victory in Israel's 1996 elections, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview published Friday.

Such attempts to speed up the stalled negotiations would only backfire, Mr. Mubarak told the Maariv dai-

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad would rather stick with continued Israeli control over the Golan Heights than negotiate a withdrawal in stages which he fears might be frozen if Israel's hawkish Likud Party comes to power, Mr. Mubarak said.

"Don't scare Assad with the spectre of the Likud," Mr. Mubarak said. "Assad would prefer to let the whole thing drop so that he could face his own people without apprehension. Likud opposes giving back any part of the Golan.

Israeli officials have said a peace treaty with Syria would have to be concluded by the end of the year, before Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin begins his reelection campaign and has little room for making concessions on the Golan.

In a rare comment on Israeli politics, Mr. Mubarak suggested that he favoured a Rabin victory.

"My God, I hope peace comes before the Likud comes to power," Mr. Mubarak told Israel TV's Channel 2.

Mr. Mubarak predecessor, Anwar Sadat, signed a peace treaty in 1979 with Likud's Menachem Begin.

Mr. Mubarak said Friday that Begin, though stubborn, "showed flexibility and an

succeeded by Yitzhak Sha-

Concerning Syria, Mr. Mubarak said Israel should drop a demand to establish art early warning station on the Golan after an Israeli troop withdrawal. In Damascus, the Israeli demand is seen as an attempt to "per-petuate the occupation," Mr. Mubarak told Maariv...

The Israel-Syria negotiations have been stalled for weeks, with Syria refusing to renew talks of military experts from both sides about Golan security arrangements after an Israeli pullback. Maariv said Syria would

only agree to a resumption of talks if Israel dropped a demand for an early warning station on the Golan. However, Mr. Rabin

apparently has resigned himself to a stalemate and is not willing to make any concessions to the Syrians, the Haaretz daily said Friday. Mr. Rabin refuses to per-

mit the renewal of meetings between the two countries' ambassadors until the military talks are back on track, Haaretz said. Mr. Mubarak also advised

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to keep his optexpressed dream of a new Middle East to himself. Maariv quoted Mr. Mubar-

ak as telling its correspondent in Egypt that such talk raised fears among Arabs that Israel wants "a new Middle East to dominate us." Mr. Peres often uses the

phrase in speeches to describe his vision of a thriving region at peace and even published a book by that name in 1993 after signing Israel's peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

cooperation, that's ok. But people say Israel wants to be the strongest state in the re-gion and control the eco-

"Talk like this makes all the countries in the region afraid. The mutual trust gets lost," he said.

"Maybe you'll keep these ideas a bit to yourselves and not try to accelerate the peace? It's better to build trust rather than sow doubts about the future," Mr. Mubarak advised.

The U.S. State Department meanwhile confirmed that Washington had warned Syria that it will be held responsible for Palestinian threats against U.S. citizens and property.

Spokesman Nicholas Burns confirmed a report in the Washington Post Wednesday revealing that Secretary of State Warren Christopher had earlier this month asked the U.S. ambassador in Damascus to convey the message to the Syrians.

"We are confident that the message referred to in the newspaper article this morning has been received and understood by a variety of parties," Mr. Burns said.

"I'm not going to get into the details of our diplomatic exchanges, especially when a major newspaper has been able to produce a diplomatic message that was not intended to ... appear in that major newspaper." Mr. Burns said.

But I can say this - that we take very seriously any potential threat to American citizens anywhere. And we consider it important that any individual or group that may be tempted to take such actions understand fully the

## League to monitor Algerian elections CAIRO (Agencies) — Arab attacks which have left a trail of carnage in Algeria as mili-

Esmat Abdul Meguid will go to Algeria next week to discuss the league's participation in the supervision of upcoming presidential elec-tions there, an official said

"It will be the first time that the Arab League has participated in the supervision of presidential elec-

tions," a league official said.
The Algerian government has also asked the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to participate in the monitoring of the presidential election,

scheduled for Nov. 16.
Dr. Abdul Meguid will begin a three-day visit to Algera on Tuesday and meet with Algerian President Lamine Zeroual and other senior offi-

The league official added the organisation had been asked by the Algerian gov-ernment in July to help monitor the elections. The Arab League accepted "out of its concern to consolidate the constitutional legality in that

Algerian leaders pledged Friday to press ahead with presidential elections despite

an escalating campaign of violence by militants who have vowed to stop the poll.

A suicide bomber struck Thursday in Algiers killing at least nine people and wounding more than 100 in an attack on the national police headquarters.

It was the latest in a rash of

tants step up their fight against the country's military-

backed government. Algerian Radio said Friday two men drove a car packed with 100 kilogrammes of explosives towards the direction Generale de la Surete Nationale in the capital's Mohammad Ounouri square. But police fired at them

and threw a grenade, forcing them to change direction towards the Lycee Abdul Kader school.

The bomb later went off in the Muslim fundamentalist stronghold of Bab Al Oued, killing nine people and wounding 104.

The final circumstances of the explosion were not clear. It was not clear if the men themselves detonated the bomb, or if they were among the nine killed. The Algerian state-run

radio on Friday quoted health authorities as saying that 88 of the wounded have gone home after being treated at hospitals.

President Zeroual, who rushed to the scene immediately after the attack, blamed "terrorists."

The attack was the latest in a growing number of car-bombs blamed by the authorities on Islamic fundamental-

More than 30,000 people are estimated to have been killed in violence during the country's three-year old civil strife.

#### Ethiopia says Sudan refusing to hand over Mubarak assailants government had ordered that

ADDIS ABĀBA (R) — Ethiopia on Friday accused the Sudanese government of sheltering three Egyptian gunmen wanted for attempting to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in June and announced a series of measures against Khar-

A Foreign Ministry state-ment said the Khartoum government was sheltering Egyptians Mustafa Hamza, Izzat Yassin and Hussein Ahmad, alias Siraji, who left Ethiopia after the assassination

attempt on June 26. Mr. Mubarak escaped unhurt when gunmen fired on his limousine as he arrived for an Organisation of African Unity summit. Friday's statement was the first time Ethiopia had linked Khar-

toum to the attack.

all non-governmental aid organisations linked to Sudan must cease operations and their Sudanese staff should leave within a week. It said the government also ordered the closure of the

Sudanese consulate in Gambella, western Ethiopia, and banned the national carrier Sudan Airways from flying to Addis Ababa from Friday.

It added Ethiopia had ordered that the number of Sudanese diplomats at their embassy in Addis Ababa should not exceed four and any others had to leave the country within a week. Ethiopia also said it had

decided to cut the number of its diplomats in Khartoum and had barred the national carrier Ethiopian Airlines from flying to the Sudanese The statement said the capital from Friday.

## 32% of settlers ready to move in return for compensation -- poll

The Jerusalem Post

THIRTY-TWO per cent of settlers would be willing to leave their communities if offered "reasonable" compensation, while 26 per cent would stay in the settlements under any conditions, according to a Modi'in Ezrahi survey commissioned by Peace Now.

The telephone survey, which studied settler attitudes toward their future, the peace process, and whether they would be willing to move, was conducted on August 17 among a representa-tive sample of 419 Jews in the territories. The margin of error is 4.9 per cent.

Asked "if you would be willing to leave the settle-

ment with your family for reasonable compensation." 15 per cent said they would "surely" be willing, and another 17 per cent said they "think they would." By contrast, 59 per cent said either they would surely not, or do, not think they would be willing to leave for compensa-

The rest were either undecided or refused to answer. The poll found that willingness to leave is greater the futher the settlements are from Jerusalem. In places such as Ariel, Emmanuel, Alfei Menashe, and Kiryat Arba.

Dr. Ella Heller, who carried out the survey, wrote that the settlers can be divided into 30 per cent who are considered "soft," whose motivations for moving to the territories were not ideological, and who would be willing to leave, and a hard core of 31 per cent who are ideologically motivated and will not be willing to leave for compensation. Everyone else falls somewhere in between. Asked what they would do "if your settlement will not be included in the state's boundaries in the final agreement with the Palestinians," 26 per cent said they would stay in the settlements under any conditions. 29 per cent said they will remain if the security remains in the hands of the IDF. 25 per cent would prefer moving within the Green Line. 8 per cent would move to another settlement in the territories, less than 1 per cent said they would leave the country, and the

rest were not undecided. Among the poll's other findings:

Forty-seven per cent of the settlers said they live in the territories for economic or quality of life reasons, 36 per cent for religious or nationalistic reasons, and 15 per cent for a combination of reasons. A majority of the settlers,

some 75 per cent believe that in five years they will be living in the same settlement they live in now, while 11 per cent think they will be living inside the Green Line, 5 per cent in another settlement, and less than 1 per cent abroad. The rest did not know.

Thirty-two per cent of the respondents believe their settlement will be annexed to Israel, while 7 per cent believe it will be evacuated, and they will receive compensation, as was done with Yamit.
The majority, 44 per cent
believe that their settlement will not be evacuated and that their security will remain in the hands of the IDF.

Twenty-five per cent of the settlers defined themselves "in general" as "supporting the peace process between Israel and the Arabs," compared with a national figure of 57 per cent. Opposed to the process are 58 per cent as compared to a 28 per cent nationwide ligure.

#### Francis Bacon's estate donates painting to settle estate tax

LONDON (AP) — The estate of British artist Sir Francis Bacon settled a million-dollar debt with the taxman by handing over a painting for exhibit, officials said."Study For A Portrait, 1991" will exhibit at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh, said Lord Lindsay, the minister responsible for arts in Scotland. The donation settled a £680,000 (\$1,088,000) inheritance tax debt incurred by Bacon's estate. The oil and pastel work, on a 78 inches (198 cm) by 58 inches (147 cm) canvas, depicts a man with a camera tripod. The Irish-born Bacon, who died in 1992 age 83, was known for works that blurred the lines between reality and nightmare.

#### Agassi leads Sampras in fashion war

NEW YORK (R) — Andre Agassi, the world's number one, is holding his rival, Pete Sampras, at bay both on and off the court. Besides overtaking friendly rival Sampras on the rankings chart this spring. Agassi is also winning in the fashion wars with his new clothing line flying off the shelves at the U.S. Open, well ahead of the more conservative look endorsed by Sampras. "People want the clothes. the bandanna, even the shoes," said a salesman. "Agassi is ahead of Sampras, but he's not blowing Agassi him away. unveiled yet another new look at the U.S. Open with a brown and white striped shirt topping the baggy shorts. The top seller is the knee-length black shorts, which retail at \$45.00. A close second is the Agassi bandanna, or head-rag, offered in both black and white and costing \$12.00. No one is deterred by the prices. The full Agassi look bandanna, shirt, shorts, black socks and shoes could set you back over \$275. "People come here straight from the court and buy whatever they just saw Agassi wearing," said the salesman. "They just want to look exactly like Andre."

#### Adventurer breaks 110-year-old sailing record

TIBURON, California(AP) - American adventurer Steve Fossett, who earlier this year became the first person to cross the Pacific Ocean solo in a balloon; broke a 110-year-old trans-Pacific sailing record. Fossett. 51, and three crew members aboard his Trimaran Lakota sailed from Yokohama, Japan, to San Francisco Bay in 16 days, 16 hours and 23 minutes. knocking almost five days: off the old Japan-San Francisco sailing record of 21-1/2 days set by the clipper ship James Stafford in 1885.

#### L.A. Celebs come to the rescue

LOS ANGELES (AP) --A suicidal man who handcuffed himself before plunging off a pier was rescued by Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, pop star Michael Jackson's plastic surgeon and a local doctor. The incident occurred on the Santa Monica pier, where Fleiss. Dr. Steve Hoefflin, who transformed Jackson's features, and KNBC-TV medical reporter Dr. Bruce Hensel had been attending a function. They were walking on the pier when they heard a splash and saw a man, who had made the 15-metre jump. Hoefflin jumped into the water while Fleiss and Hensel called the 911 emergency number.

#### ability to make a decision." nisation (PLO). Mr. Mubarak said: "Exconsequences of doing so," However, all peace efforts were frozen when Begin was plain to me, what is a new he said. Gunmen wound Ahbash leader after assassination of sheikh

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) - A gunman opened fire in South Lebanon at a member of pro-Syrian Sunni Islamist group overnight seriously wounding him in the second attack targeting the faction in 24 hours, security sources said on Friday. They said Jamil Shraideh,

a Palestinian member of the ultra-religious Al Ahbash Association, was wounded when the gunman fired at him in 'Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp, a day after a religious leader in the movement was gunned down in

The gunman first hurled a hand grenade into Shraideh's shop in 'Ain Al Hilweh, near the port of Sidon, before opening fire from his submachinegun, the security sources said.

Two other people were wounded in the attack which took place at around midmight, the sources added. On Thursday, masked gun-men in Beirut killed the head of the rapidly-growing Abbash movement, Sheikh Nizar Al Halabi, in Leba-

non's first political assassination in more than a year. Two suspects have been arrested in the killing as a hitherto unknown group claimed responsibility for the assassination, which served a blow to post-civil war stability in Lebanon.

Sources close to the In-

terior Ministry said Friday the two suspects were Lebanese men. They were apprehended in Beirut hours after Halabi was gunned down by masked assassins as he left his home to go to work Thursday morning.
Halabi's 12-year-old son,

Bilal, a driver and a bodyguard were wounded in the attack. The attackers fled in a white Mercedes-Benz escorted by a red motorcycle. The sources, speaking in exchange for strict anonym-

ity, refused to elaborate on the identity of the suspects or say where they were arrested. The independent Beirut newspaper Al Nahar said an anonymous caller claimed Thursday night that the "Usama Kassass organisation

The caller hung up after the terse remark, refusing to answer any questions about the self-styled group's affiliation and motive.

was responsible for the assas-

sination of Sheikh Al Hala-

The sources, however, said Kassass may have be an activist of the Muslim Brotherhood.

The group, which has few affiliates in Lebanon, had gone underground after the Syrian army rolled into Lebanon in 1976 to smother the Lebanese civil war. Halabi headed the Islamic

Charitable Association, an

organisation bankrolling the

Ahbash group. It was largely funded by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the 1970s. It shifted allegiance to Syria in the early 1990s and steadily grew into an influential political force. Interior Minister Michel

Murr told reporters Thursday that the assassins had fled into an area to which Lebanese police had no access in the past." "But we're trying to get in to grab them," he said, with-

out elaborating. "The government, which has been struggling to enforce security in the aftermath of the 1975-90 civil war. admits to a few remaining loopholes in some Beirut suburbs like Palestinian refugee

camps. The Ahbashis called for a day of mourning Friday. Cars bedecked with Halabi's portraits toured the streets of Beirut with loudspeakers blaring rhymed verses of the

The Ahbashis are separate from Hizbollah, the standard-bearer of Iran's brand of Shiite Muslim fundamentalism.

However, Hizbollah joined a nationwide denunciation of Halabi's assassination, calling it in a statement a "crime masterminded by Israel's secret service to sow dissension in Lebanon and discredit Syria's peacekeeping role."